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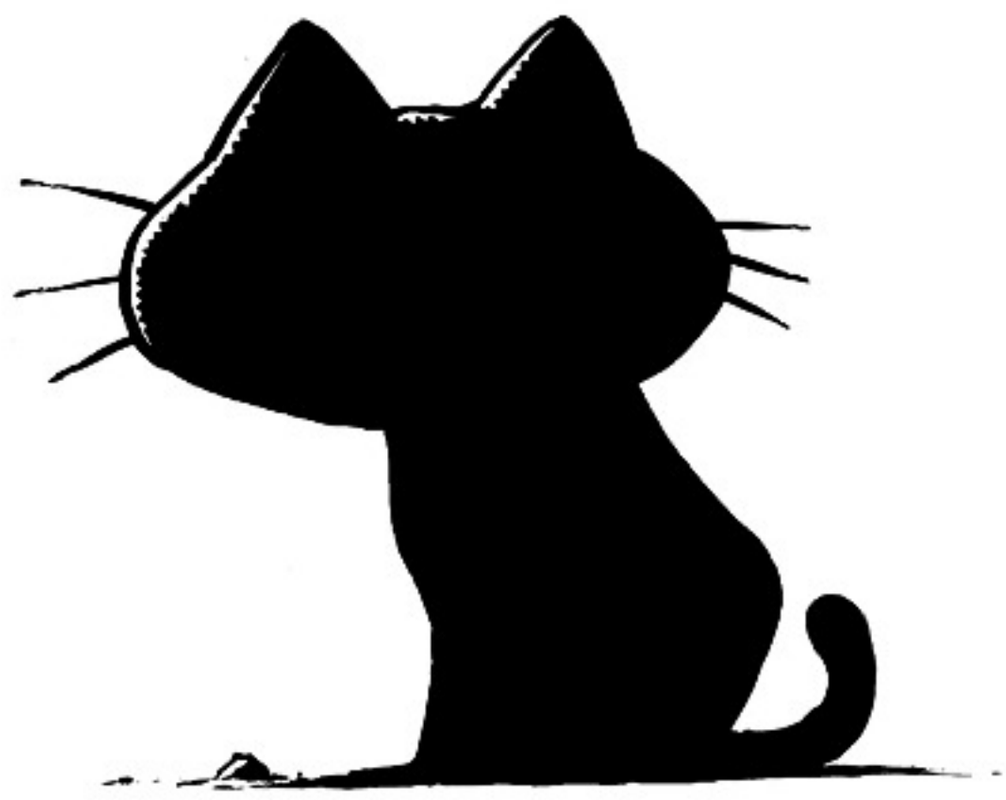

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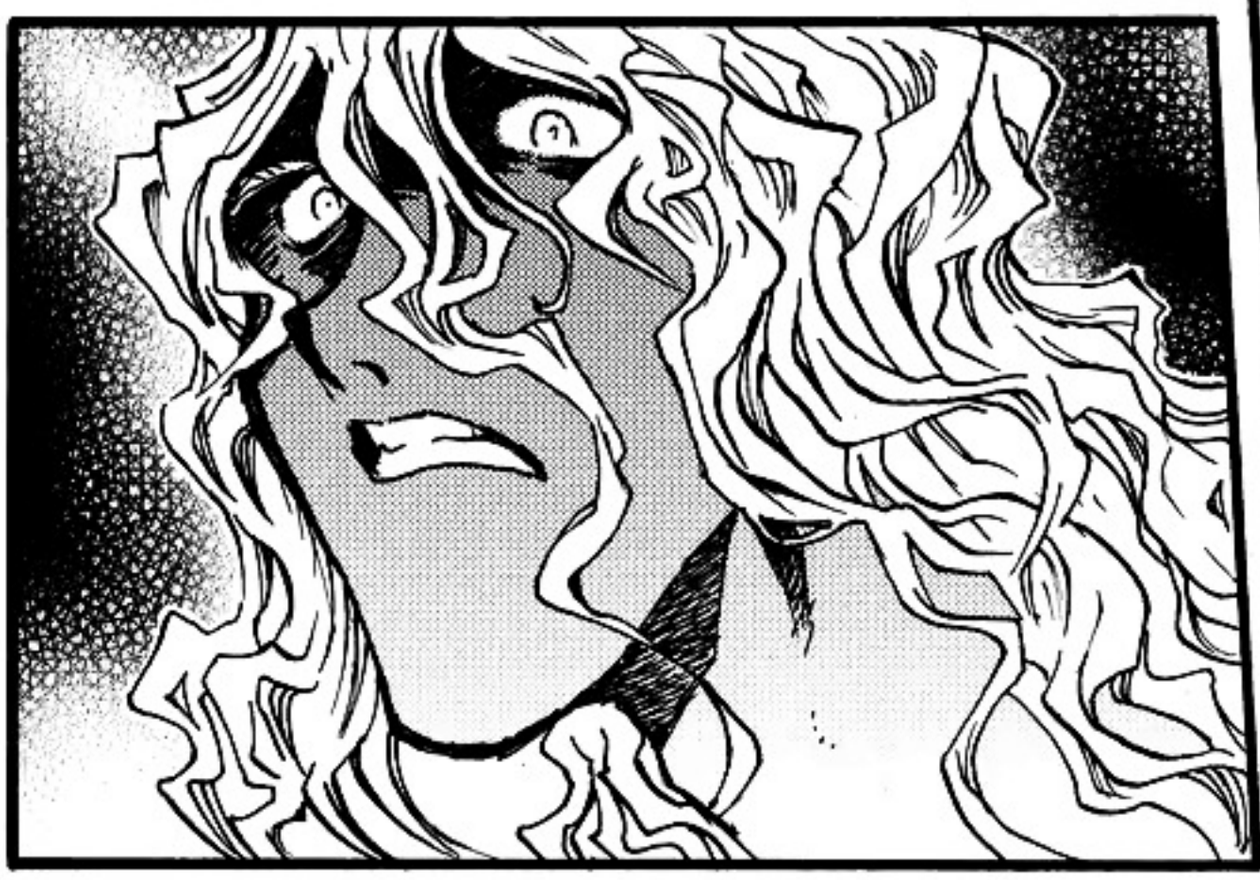

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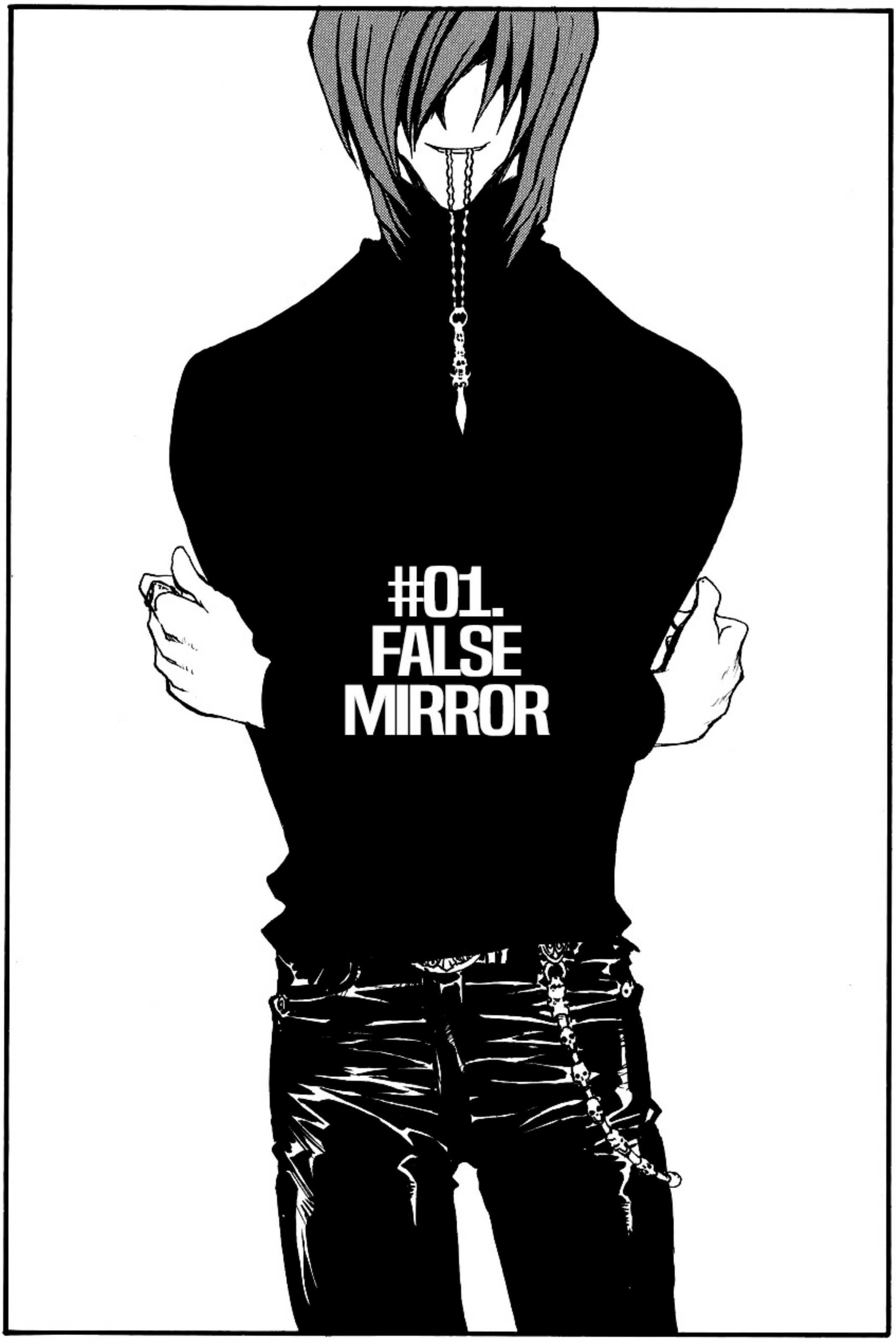
...WOULD YOU BECOME THAT FURIOUS WITH ME AGAIN?


#01.
FALSE
MIRROR

DO NOT WORRY! WE ARE GOING TO TRICK KNIVES!
HE DOES NOT YET REALIZE JUST HOW USEFUL THOSE HOSTAGES OF HIS ARE.
CHRONICA, THIS IS CRAZY!
THE CIVILIANS ARE RIGHT BENEATH HIM!
GET READY FOR ANOTHER ATTACK!
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3
FIRE!
TRANS-FERRING CONTROL. ALL SAFETY CHECKS ARE GREEN. PREPARE TO FIRE THREE VOLLEYS IN D FORMATION!
LOAD THE PROTON CANNONS!

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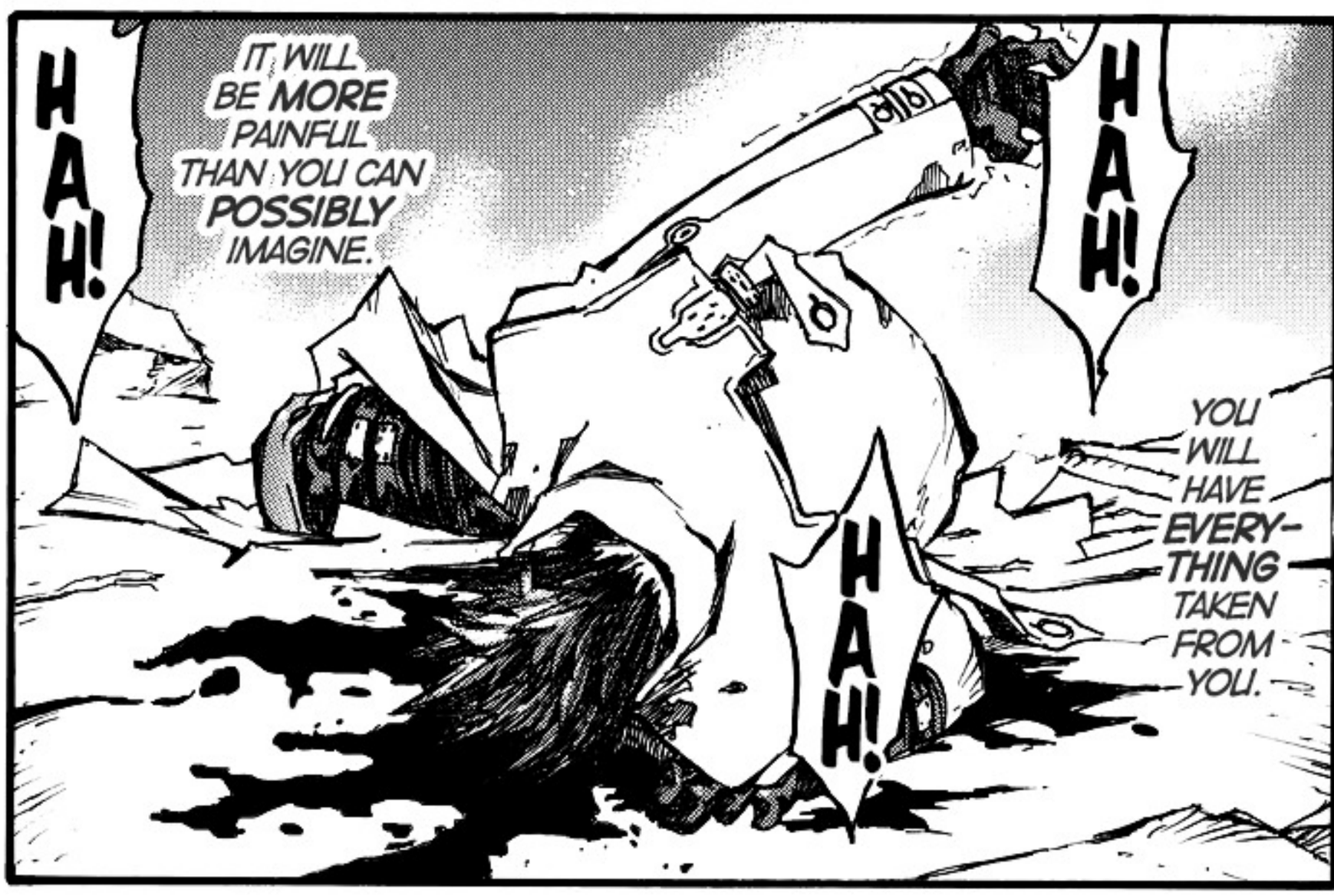
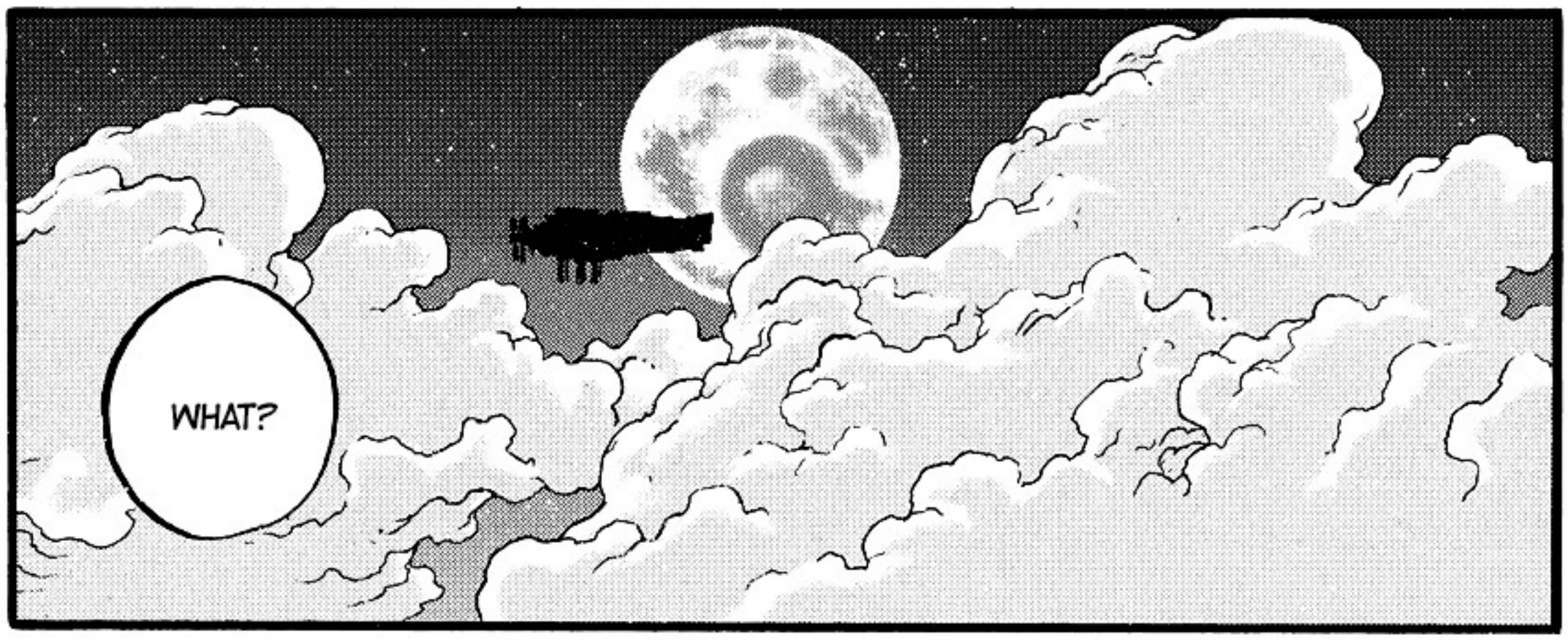
THE MOMENT I ARRIVED...
THAT'S IT.
...THE GAME WAS OVER...
...VASH THE STAM-PEDE.
IT'S FINISHED.

LET YOUR SUFFERING END.
PERHAPS YOU CAN'T HEAR ME?

YOU SHOULD KNOW BY NOW THAT MY HOLD IS UNBREAKABLE.
YOU WERE BOUND BY IT FOR MONTHS.


HAH!
IT WILL BE MORE PAINFUL THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE.
HAH!
YOU WILL HAVE EVERYTHING TAKEN FROM YOU.
HAH!

AND THEN...
...MY ONLY WISH...
...UNTIL MASTER KNIVES ALLOWS IT.
AND YOU WILL BE DENIED YOUR DEATH...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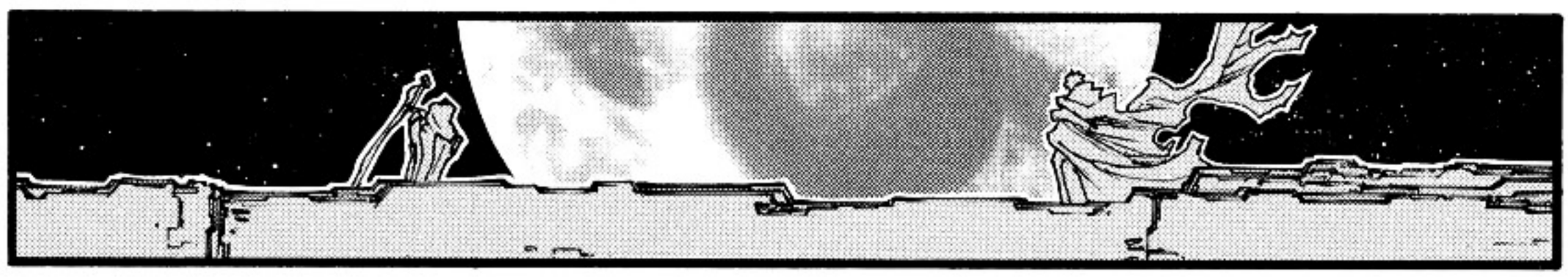

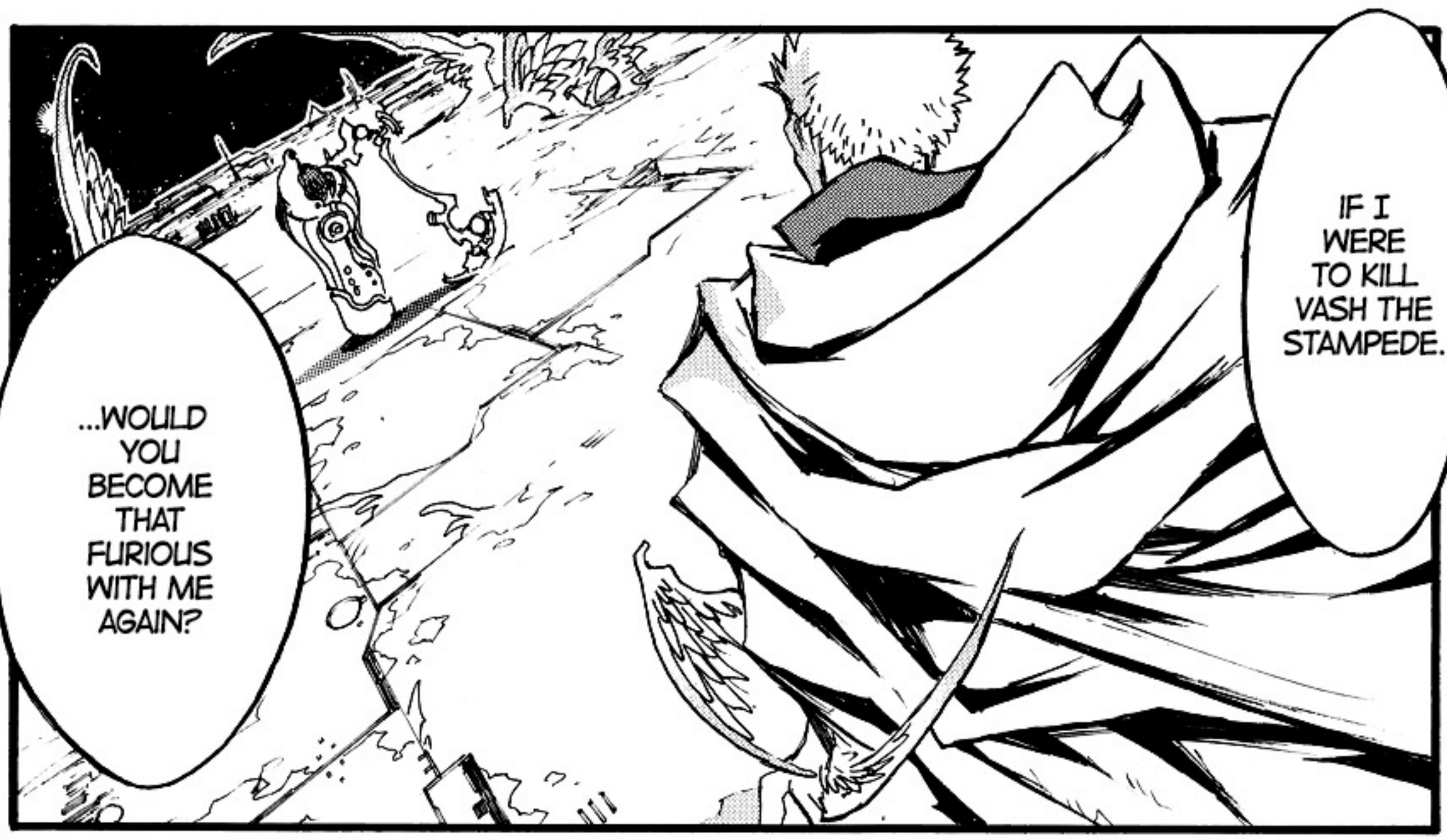
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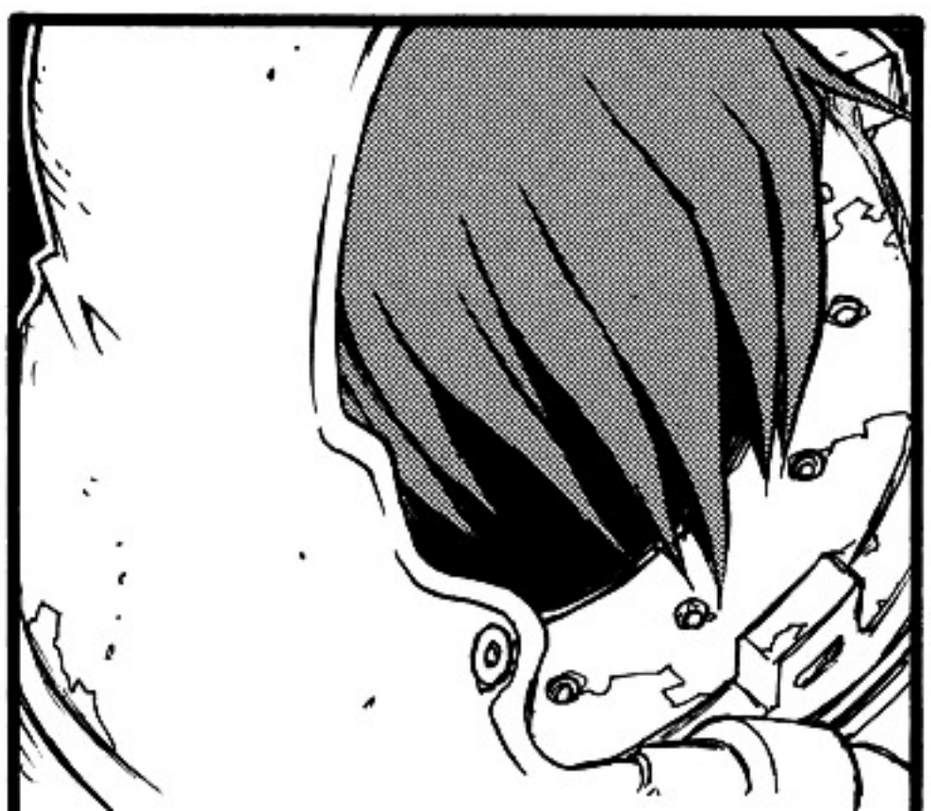
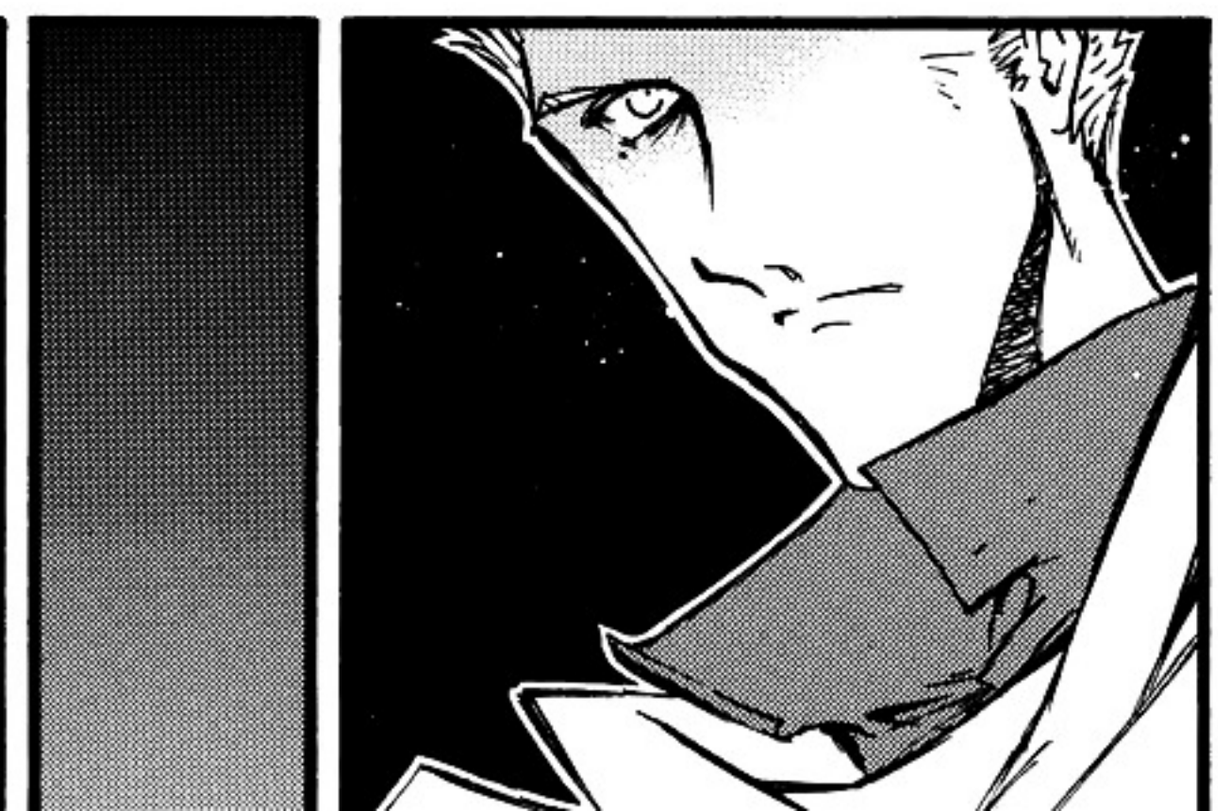
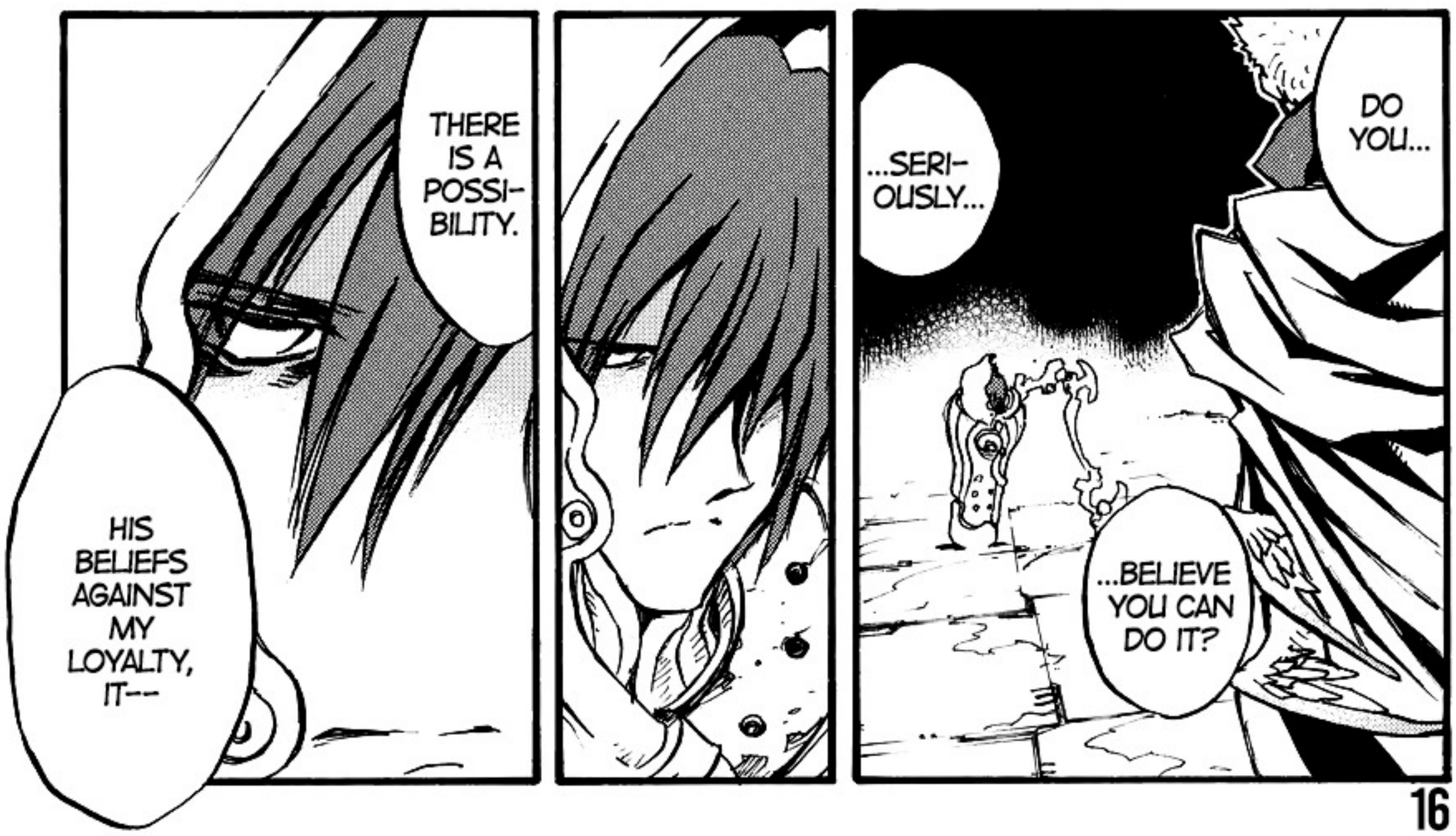




DO YOU THINK...

...YOU CAN?



IDIOT...
YOUR LOYALTY MEANS *NOTHING* TO ME.
ONCE YOU ARE NO LONGER USEFUL, I *WILL ERASE* YOU.
...PUT US IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THOSE *CREATURES* YOU HAVE BOUND AND IMPRISONED BEFORE.
LET ME TELL *YOU* SOME-THING...
DO NOT FOR A SECOND...
THOSE...
...HUMANS!

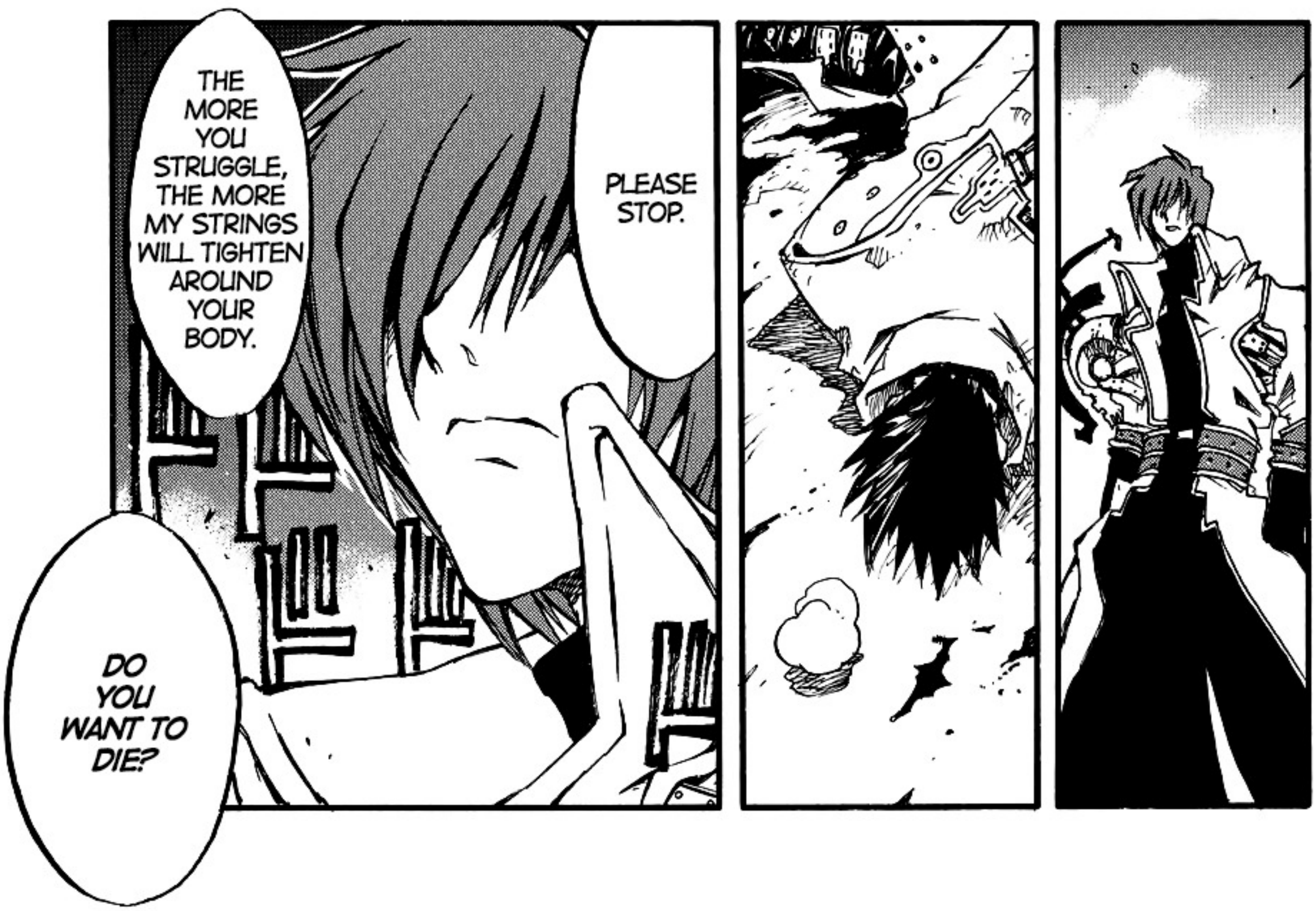
EVERY-THING I COULD DO WITH IT...
...THE SHEER STRENGTH OF MY LOYALTY.
I WANTED HIM TO KNOW. I WANTED TO KNOW...
...YOU ARE RE-DUCED TO THIS COWER-ING HEAP.
BUT...
THE ONLY WAY TO TEST IT WOULD BE TO FIGHT YOU.

...I WOULD SEE THE DAY WHERE I WOULD REGRET ANYTHING.

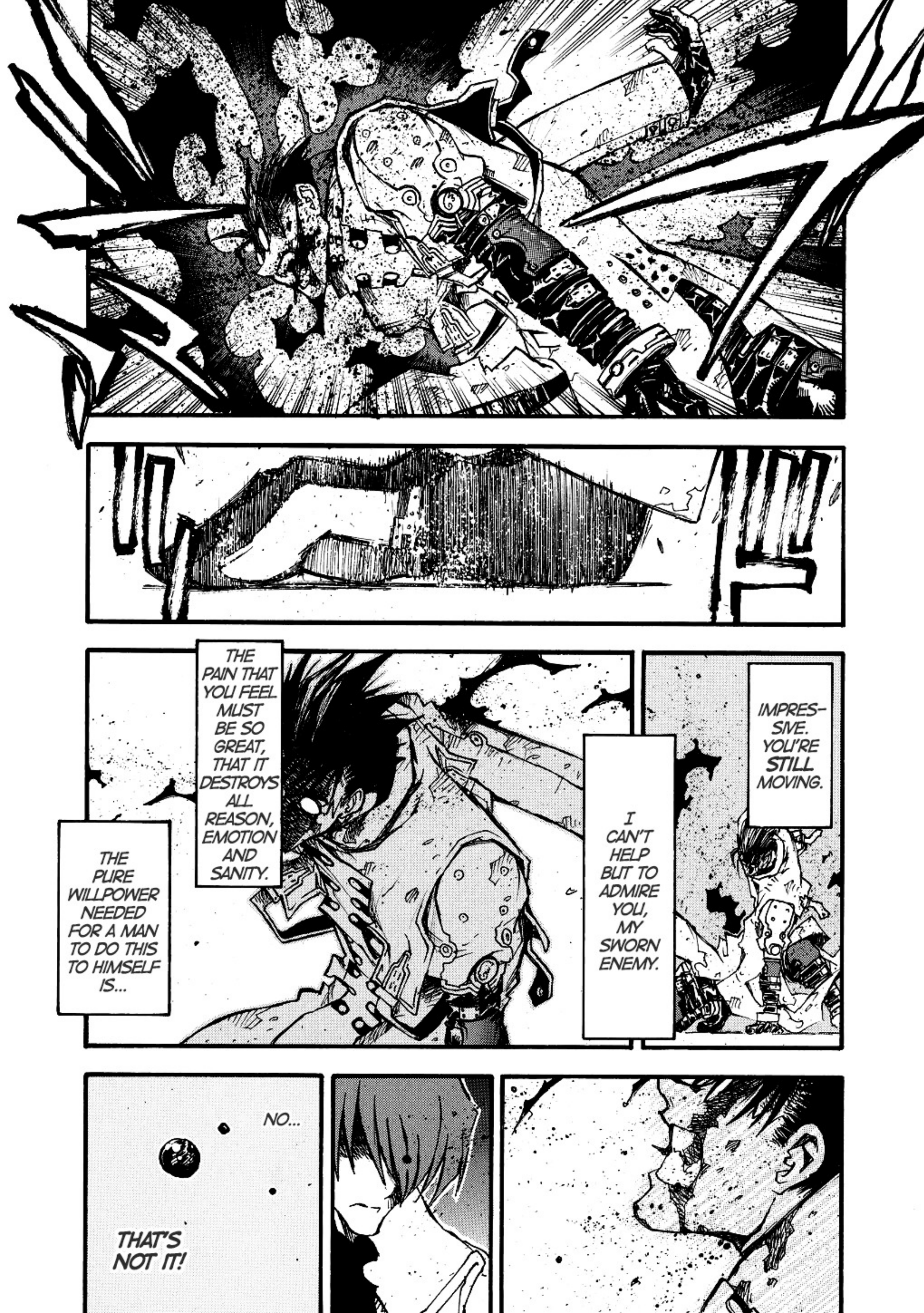
I NEVER THOUGHT...

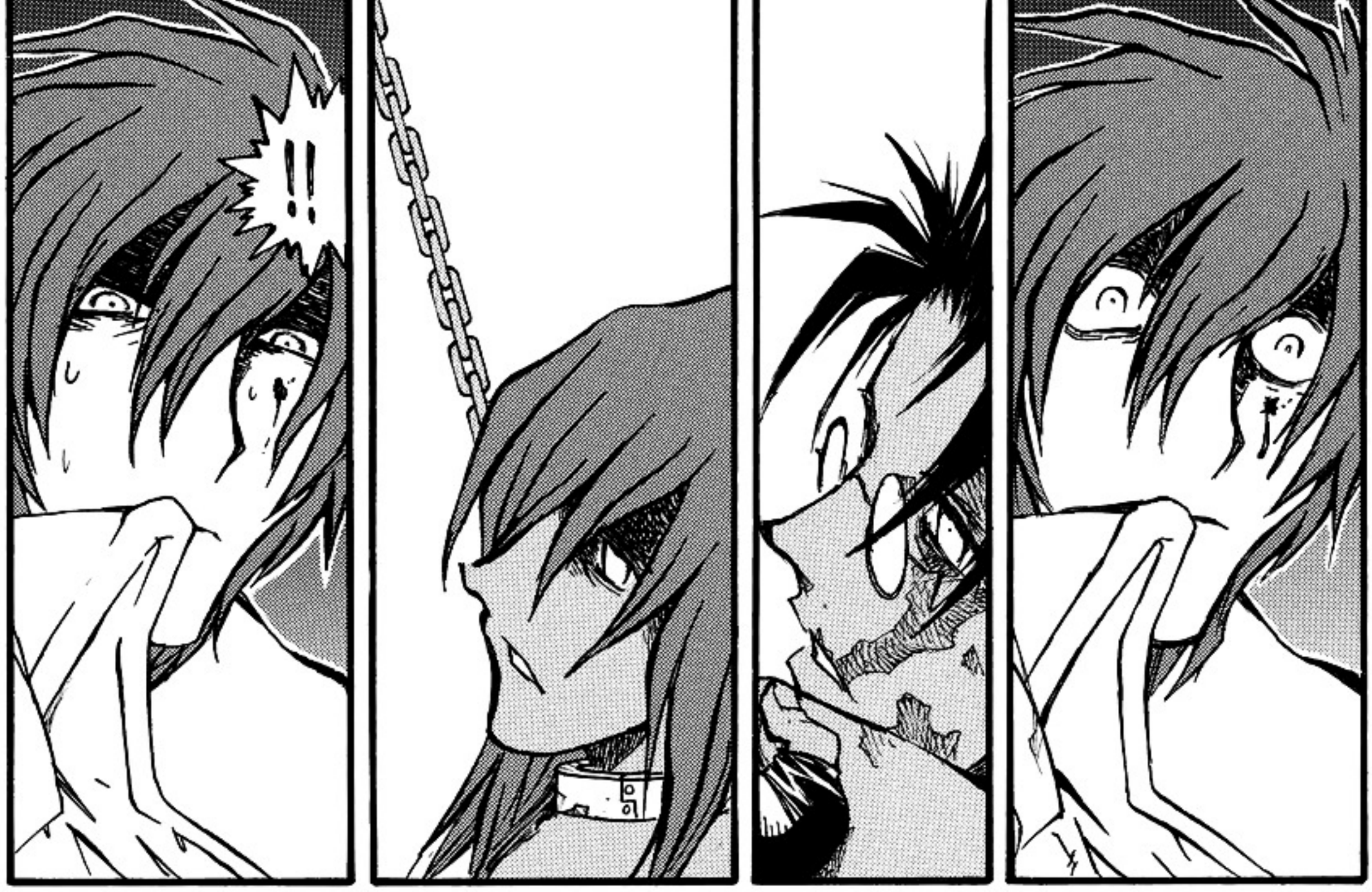
THIS CHAPTER WILL BE CLOSED FOREVER.

TONIGHT, EVERY-THING WILL END, EVEN MY LIFE.



AA HA HA!
AA AH!
NGH!
GA AH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
AA AA AA AA AH!
AA AA AA AH!
IT WOULD BE SHAMEFUL FOR YOU NOT TO RISK YOUR LIFE, WOULDN'T IT... VASH THE STAMPEDE?
IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE.
THIS IS HOW YOU'VE LIVED FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS.


THE PAIN THAT YOU FEEL MUST BE SO GREAT, THAT IT DESTROYS ALL REASON, EMOTION AND SANITY.
THE PURE WILLPOWER NEEDED FOR A MAN TO DO THIS TO HIMSELF IS...
I CAN'T HELP BUT TO ADMIRE YOU, MY SWORN ENEMY.
IMPRES-SIVE. YOU'RE STILL MOVING.
NO...
THAT'S NOT IT!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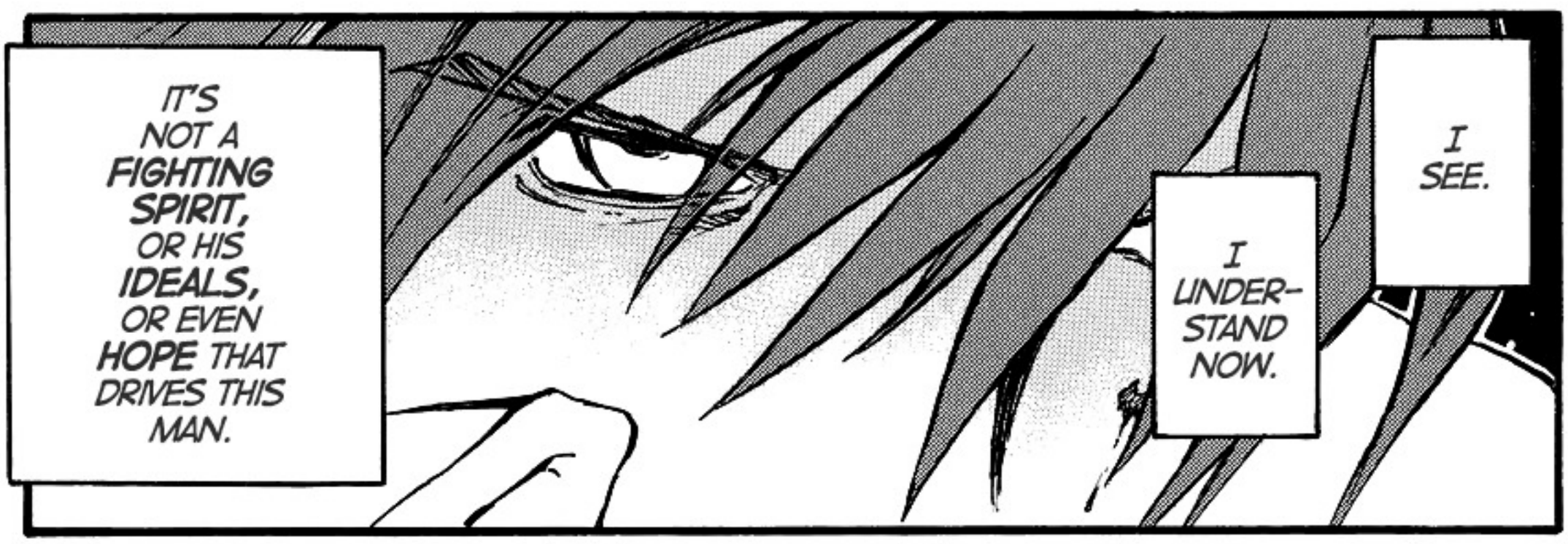
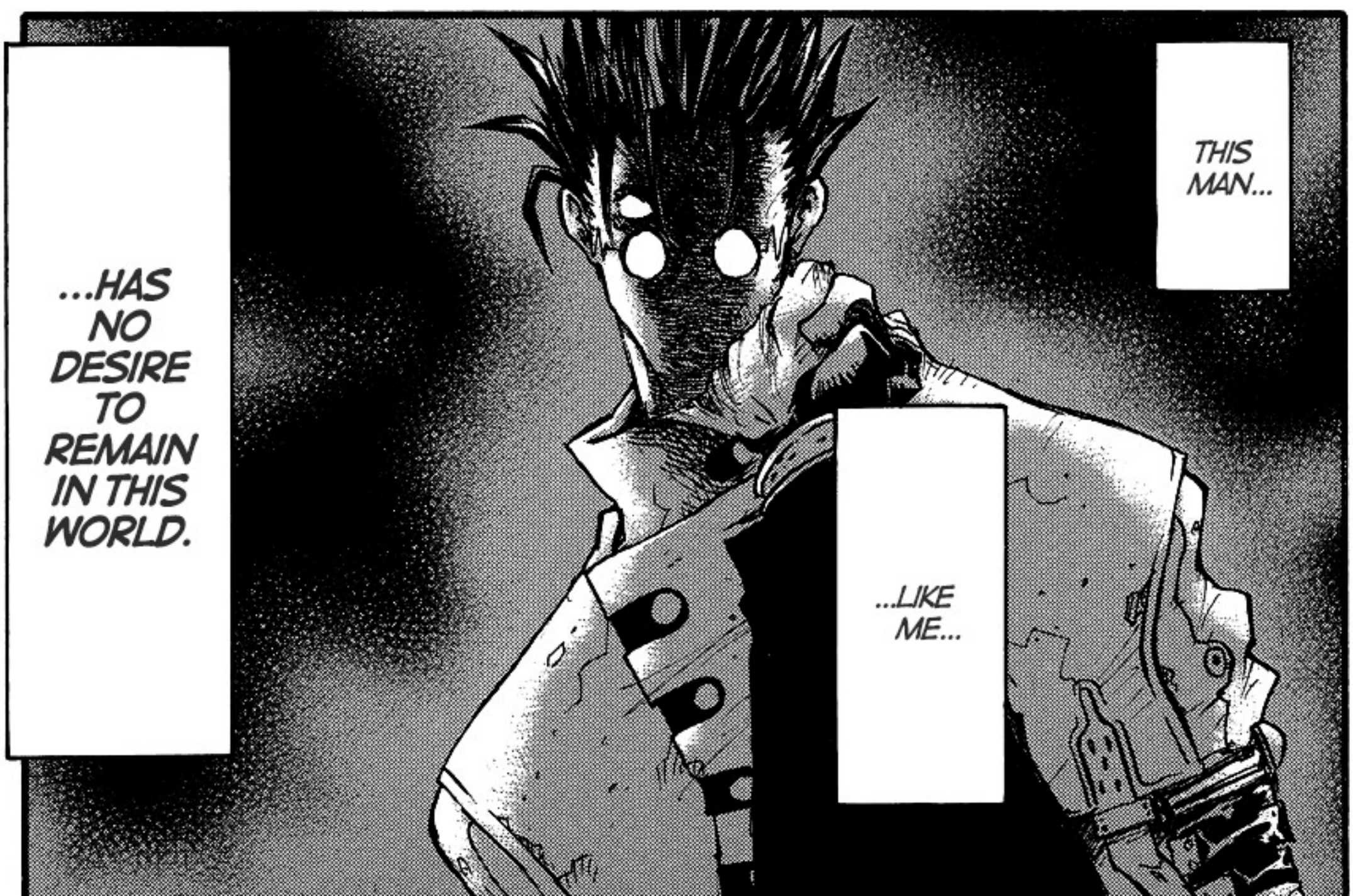
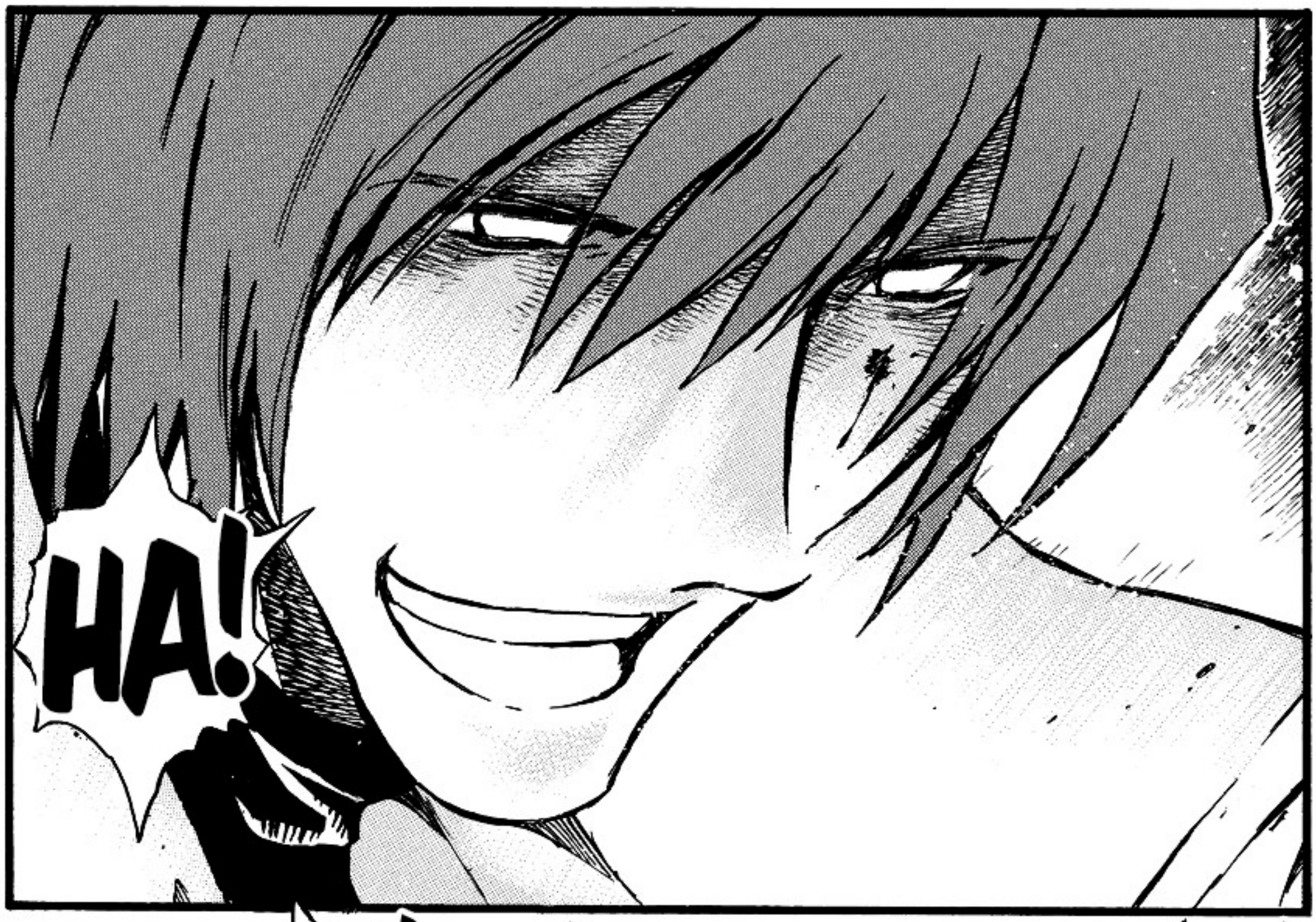

IT'S NOT A FIGHTING SPIRIT, OR HIS IDEALS, OR EVEN HOPE THAT DRIVES THIS MAN.
I UNDER-STAND NOW.
I SEE.


...HAS NO DESIRE TO REMAIN IN THIS WORLD.
...LIKE ME...
THIS MAN...

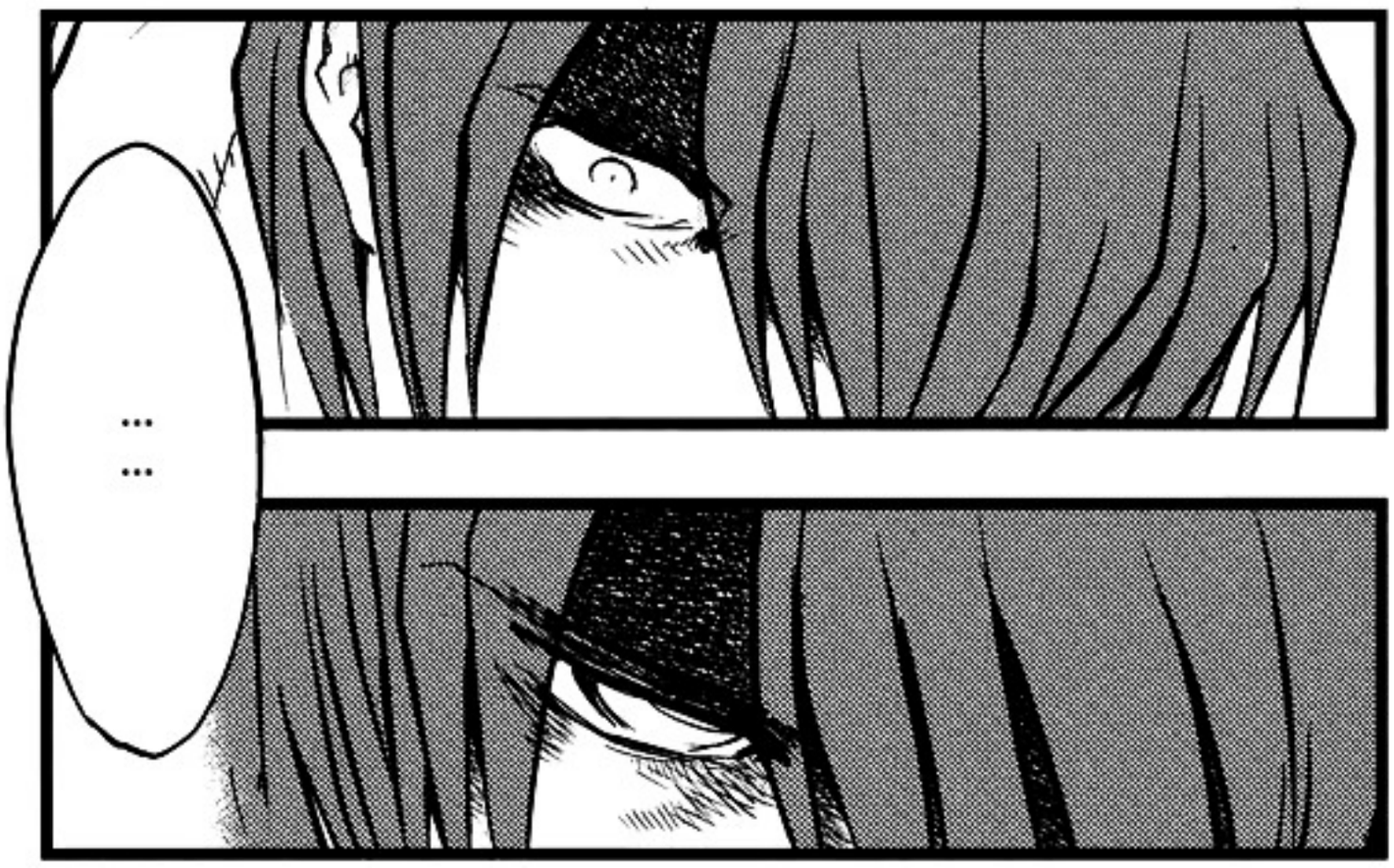


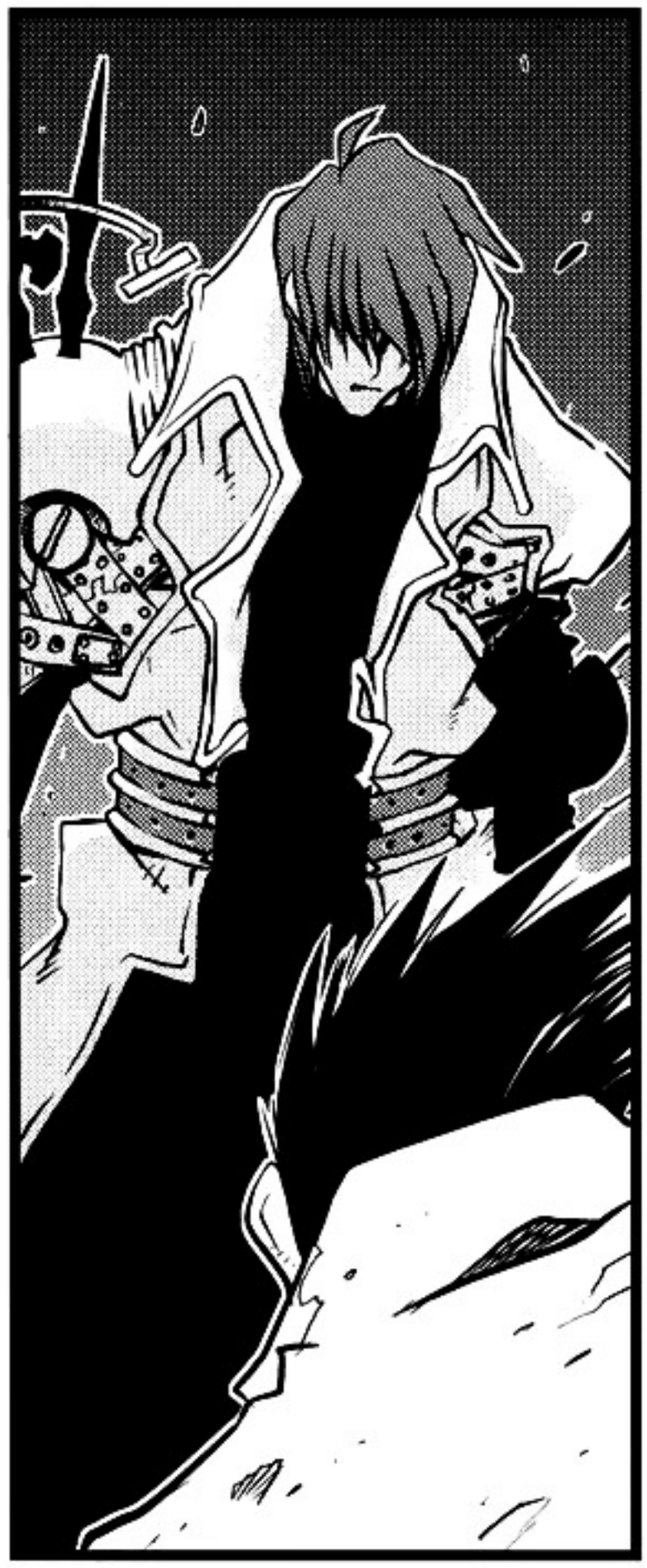
HA! HA! HA!

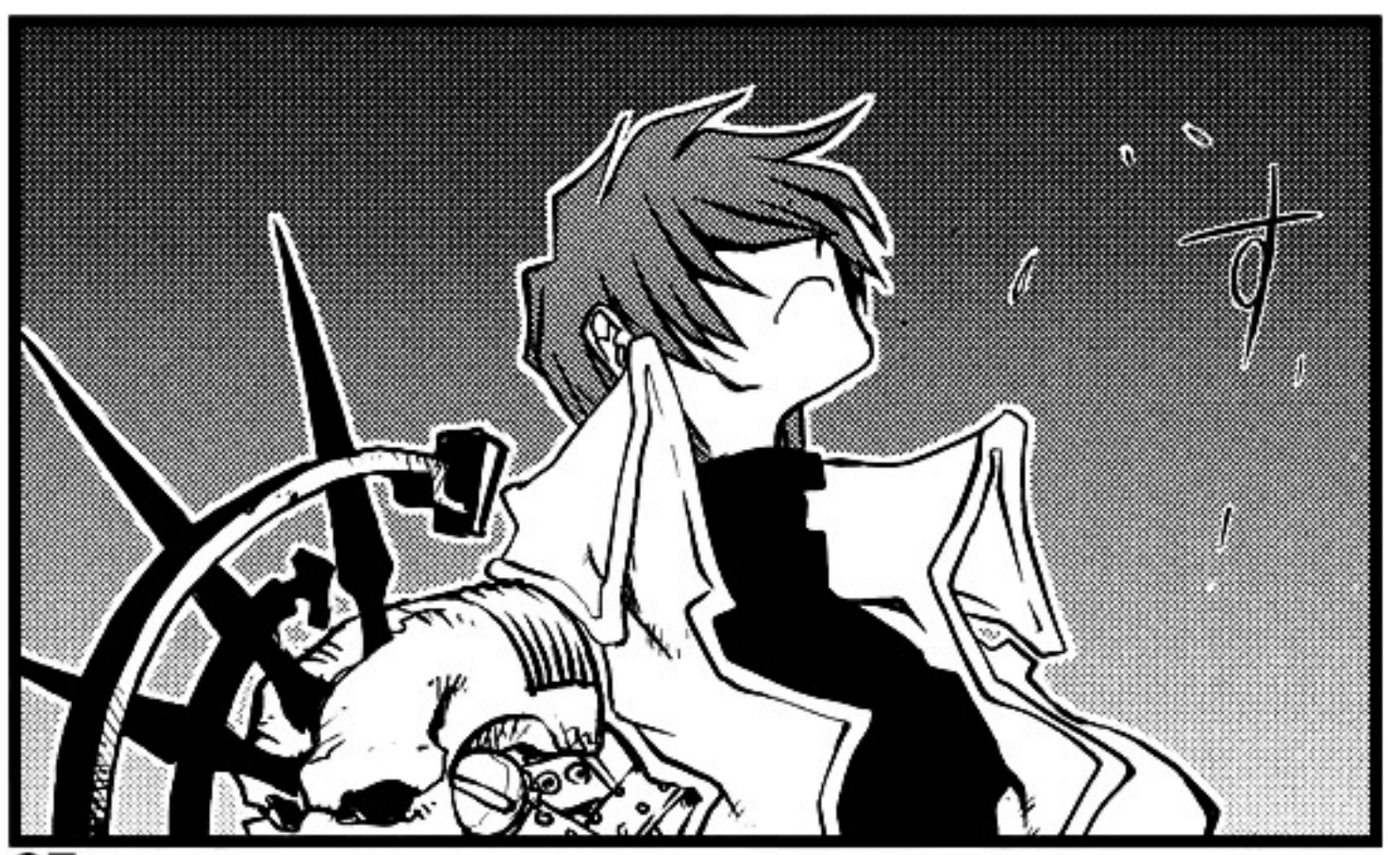
...THAT A MAN LIKE *YOU* WOULD BE SO MUCH LIKE *ME!*

I NEVER THOUGHT...

OH, THIS IS *CLASSIC!*







...MASTER KNIVES...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME...

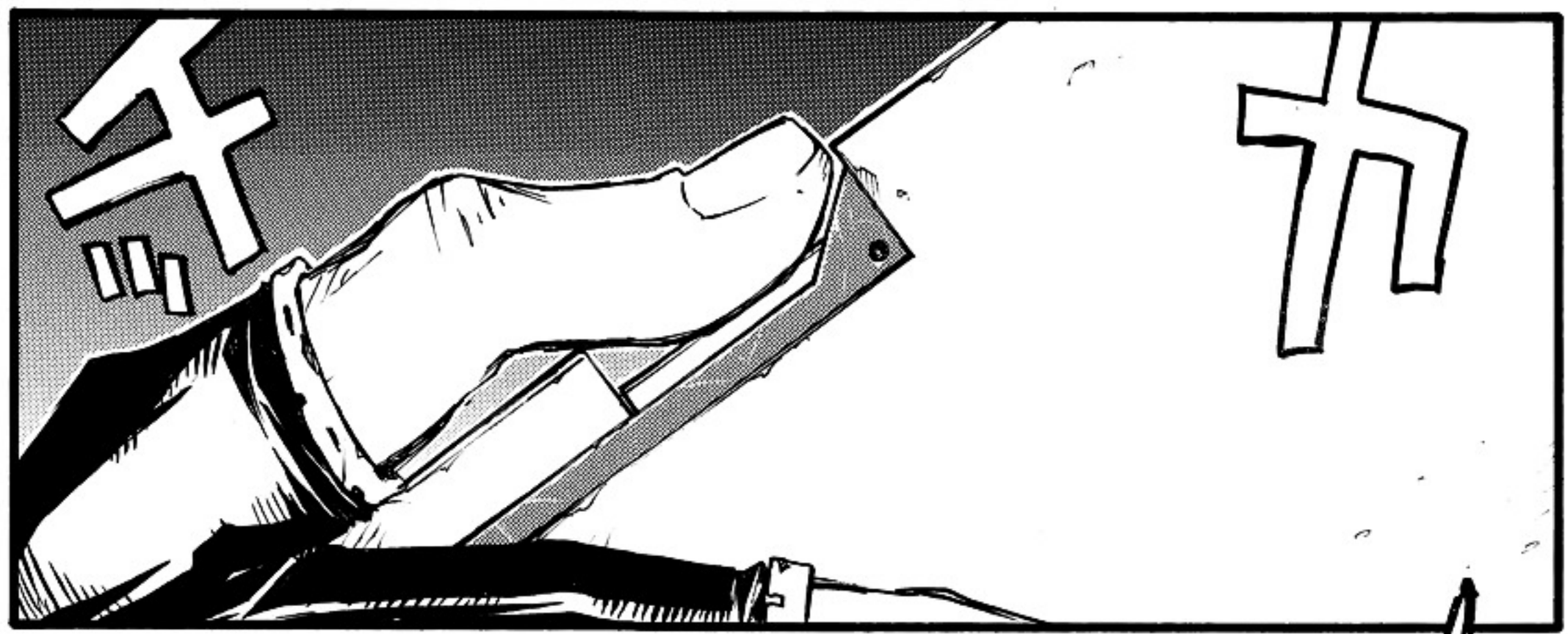
...HOLD BACK ANY LONGER.

...BUT I CANNOT...

I THINK THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME...
...TO TAKE OUT YOUR PRIZE.

SNATCH
COULD YOU COLLECT ALL THE COINS? COULD YOU KILL *ALL* THE GUNG-HO-GUNS?
I MADE A BET...
...AGAINST MYSELF.
YOU DID AN EXCELLENT JOB.
CONGRATU-LATIONS.

BUT DON'T WORRY. YOU'RE ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE *GREATEST* GIFT IN THIS WORLD.
IT APPEARS YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.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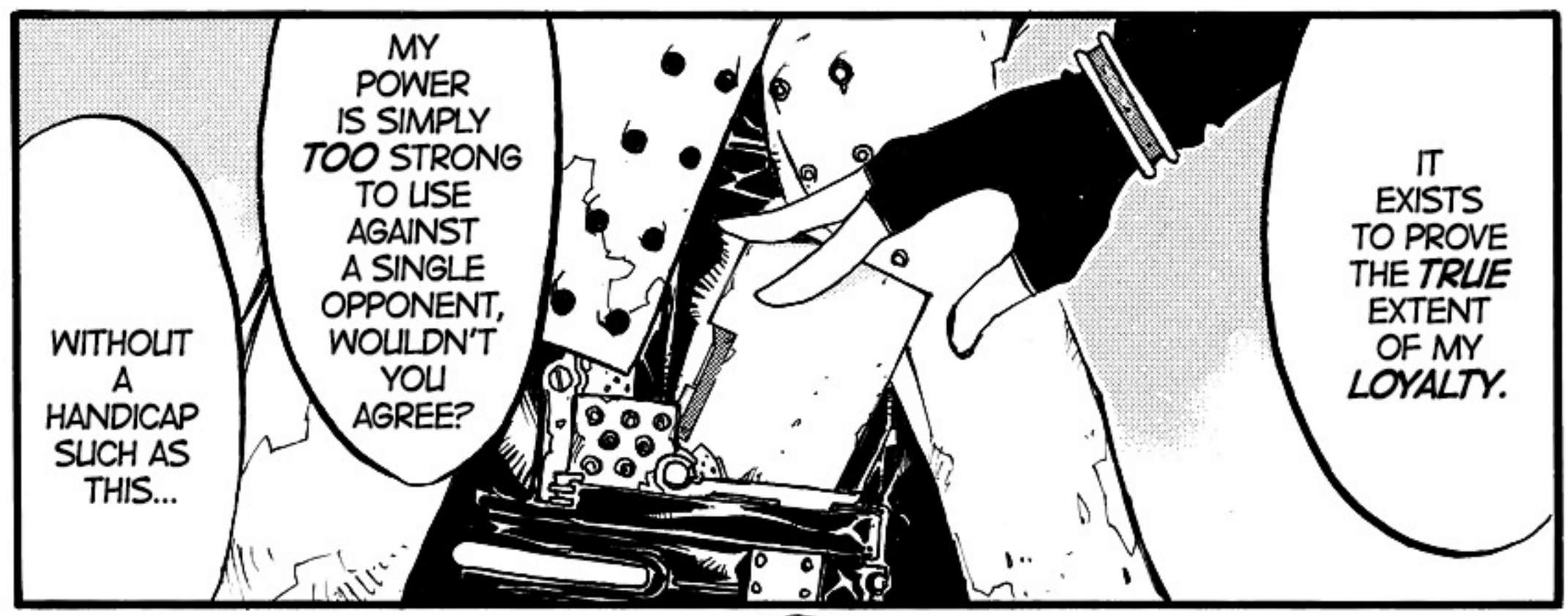
IT'S *PARTI-CULARLY* EFFECTIVE AGAINST MY TALENT.
IT COMPLETELY REPELS CHARGED, LOW-MASS, METALLIC STRINGS.
THIS IS A SPECIALLY MADE, ULTRA-COMPACT, HIGH-POWERED MAGNETIC FIELD GENERATOR.

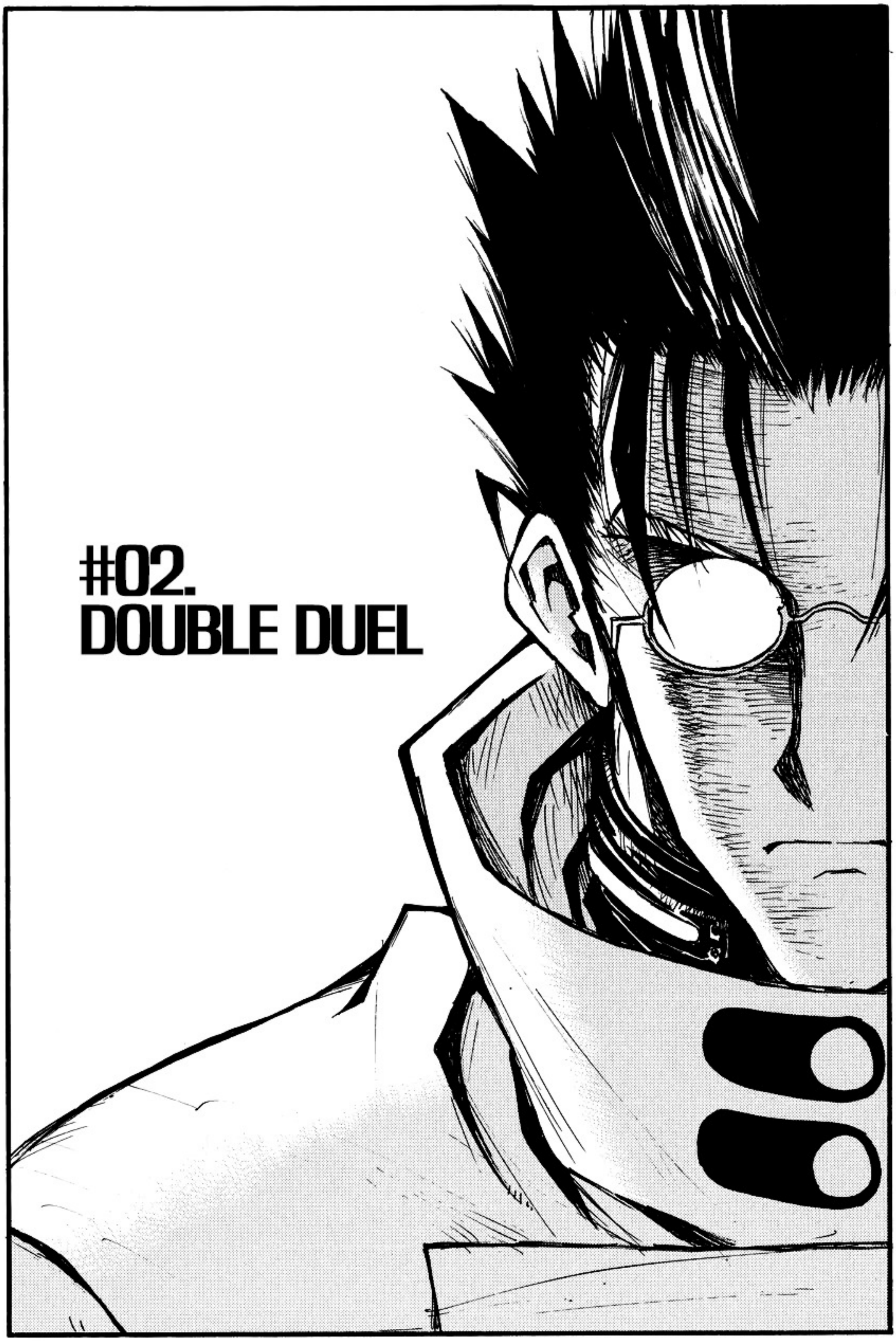

WITHOUT A HANDICAP SUCH AS THIS...
MY POWER IS SIMPLY *TOO* STRONG TO USE AGAINST A SINGLE OPPONENT, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?
IT EXISTS TO PROVE THE *TRUE* EXTENT OF MY *LOYALTY.*

...IT JUST WOULDN'T BE AS *FUN,* RIGHT?

#01. FALSE MIRROR / END

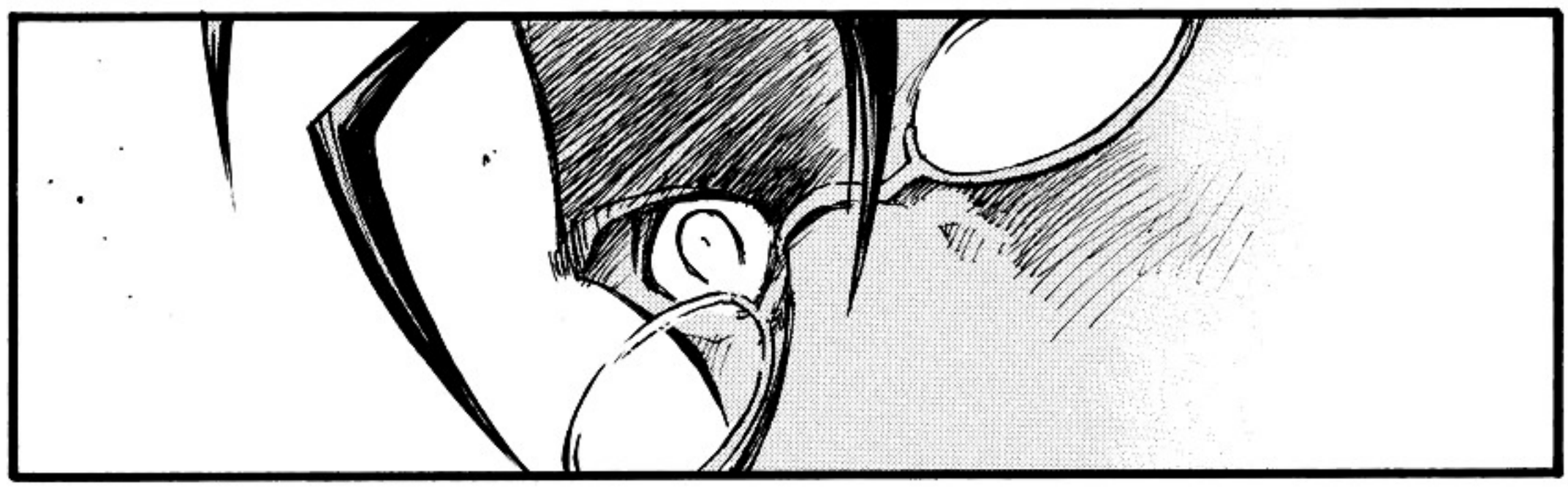
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

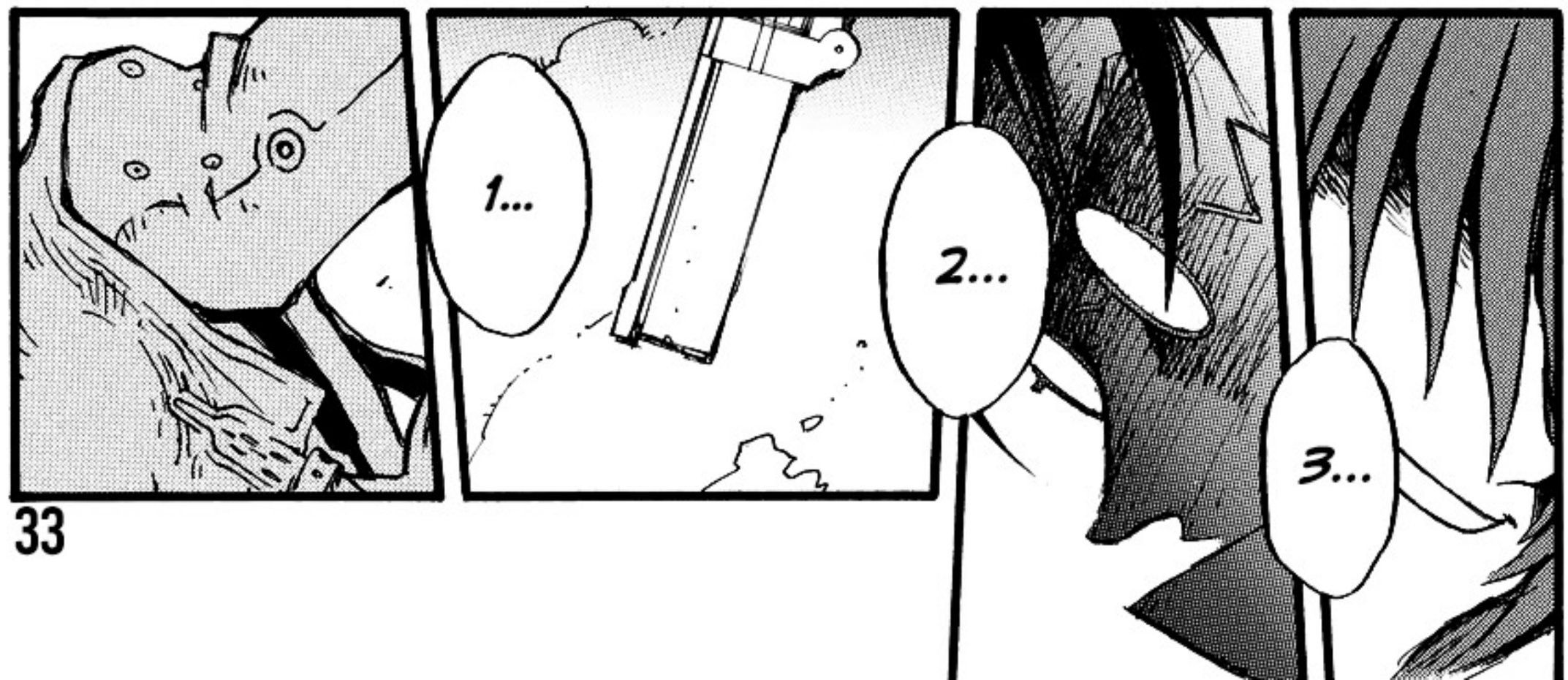


#02. DOUBLE DUEL

...IT SEEMS THE NEWS HAS UPSET YOU.
OF COURSE.
EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THEM WERE VICIOUS MURDER-ERS...
AH, THAT GOT YOU WORKED UP.



AND MY POWERS...
...WILL NEVER TOUCH YOU AGAIN.
...
...
I WILL RELEASE MY HOLD ON YOU.
NOW, LET US BEGIN.


1...
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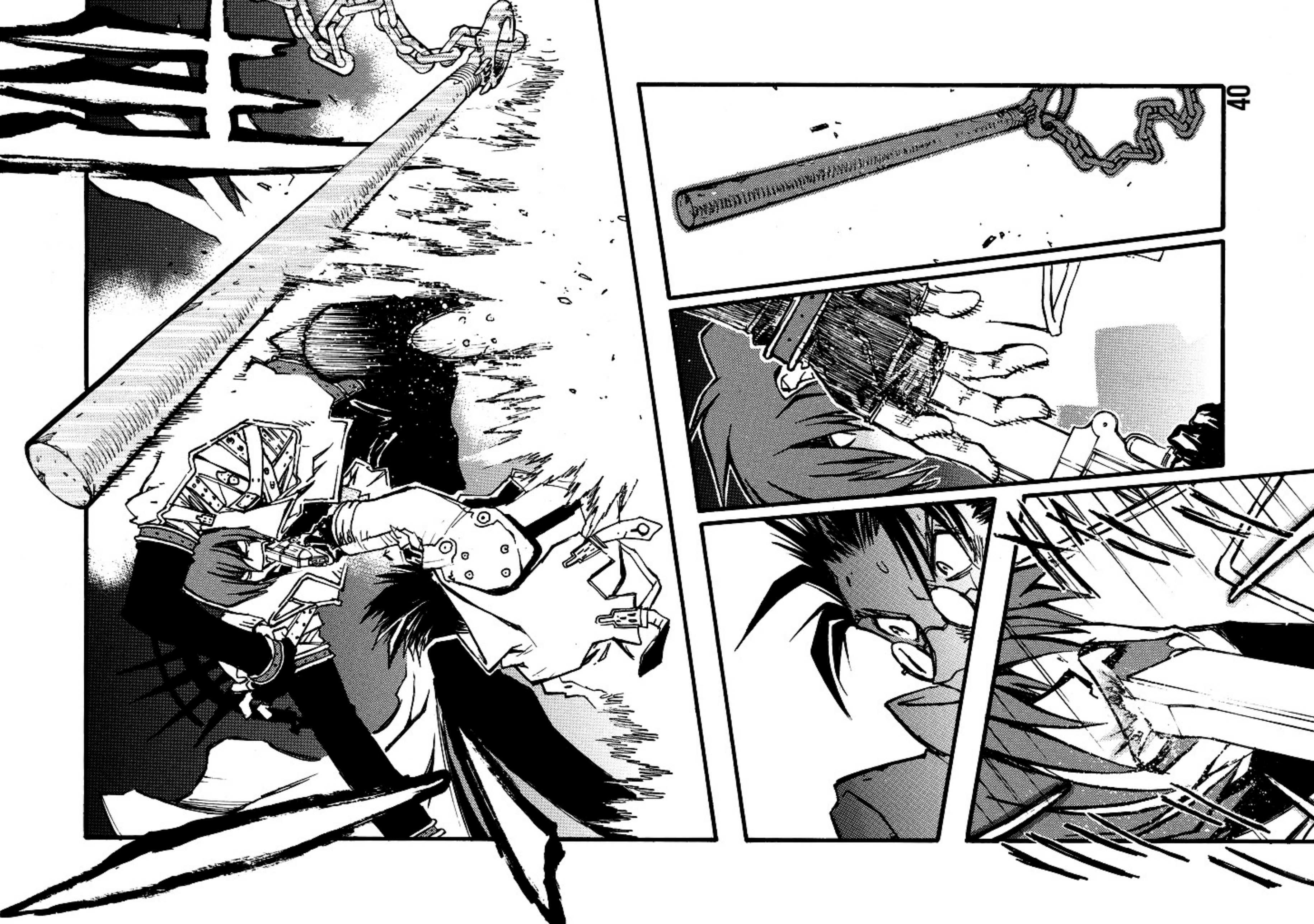
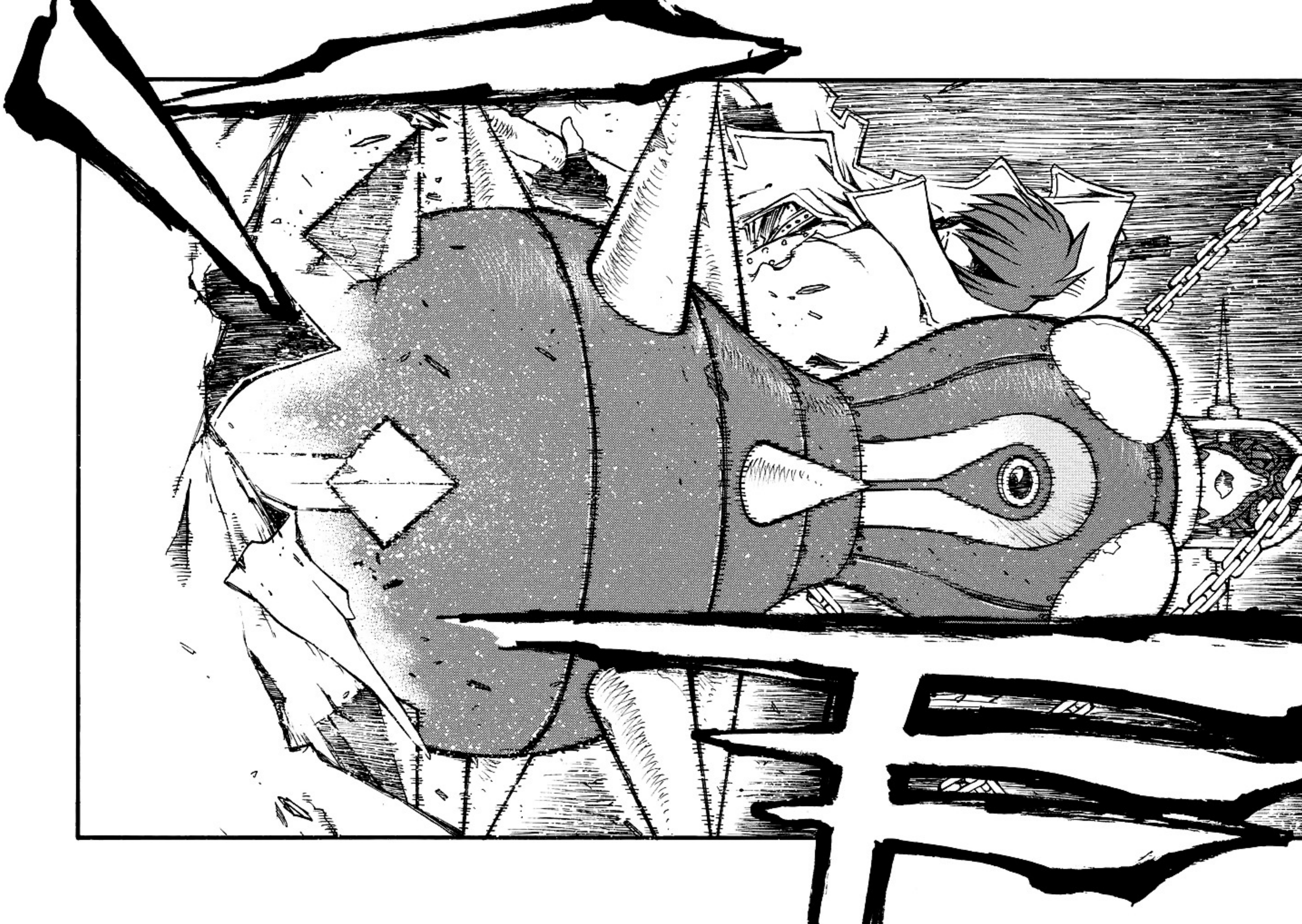
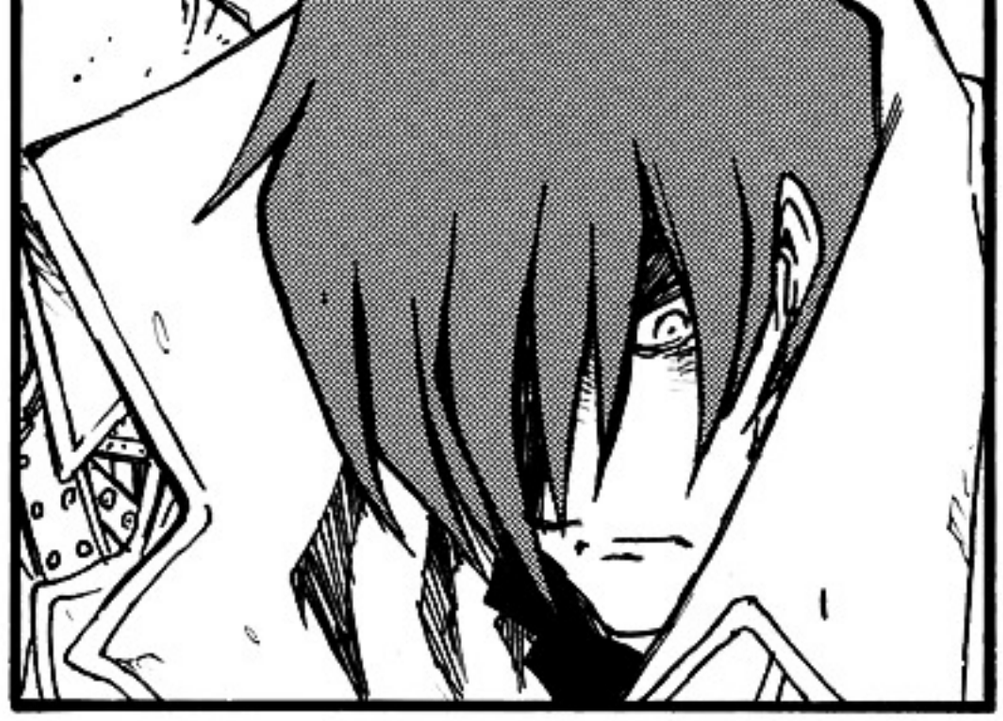
3...

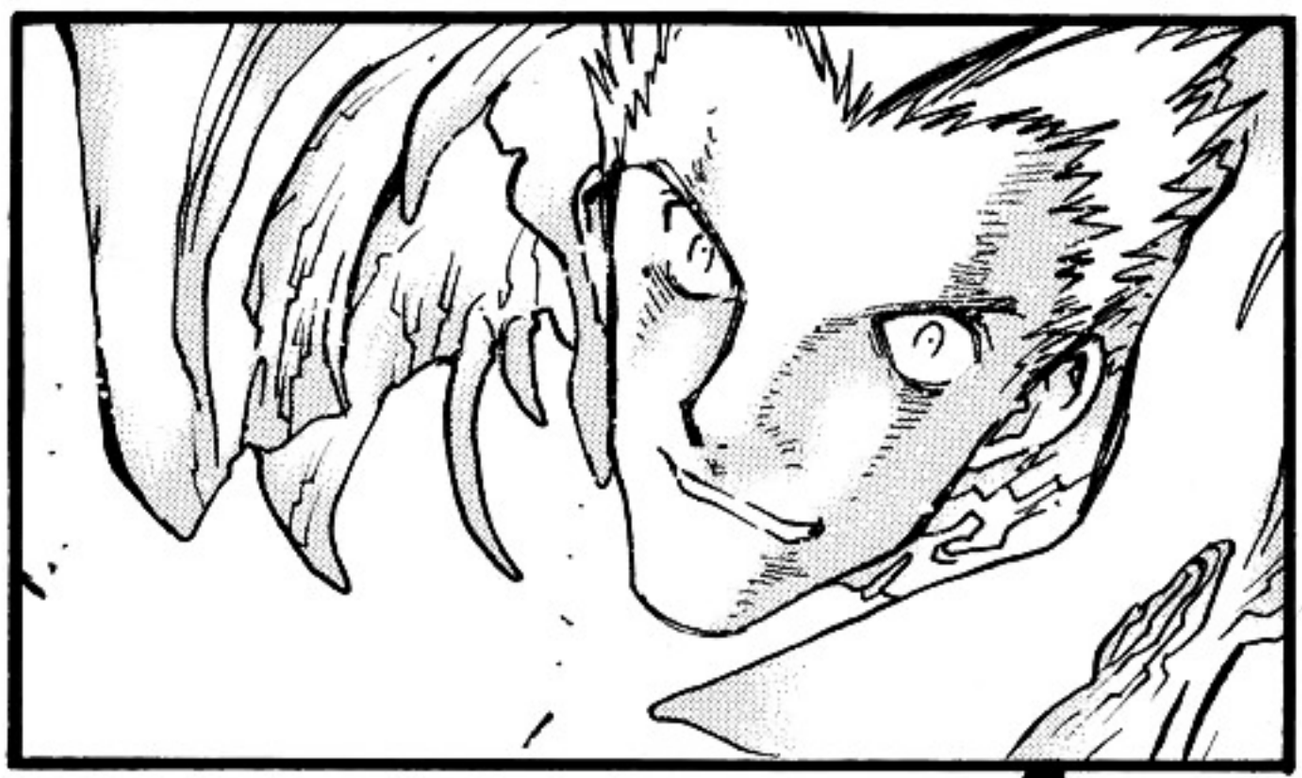
LET ME THROUGH! NOW!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN!

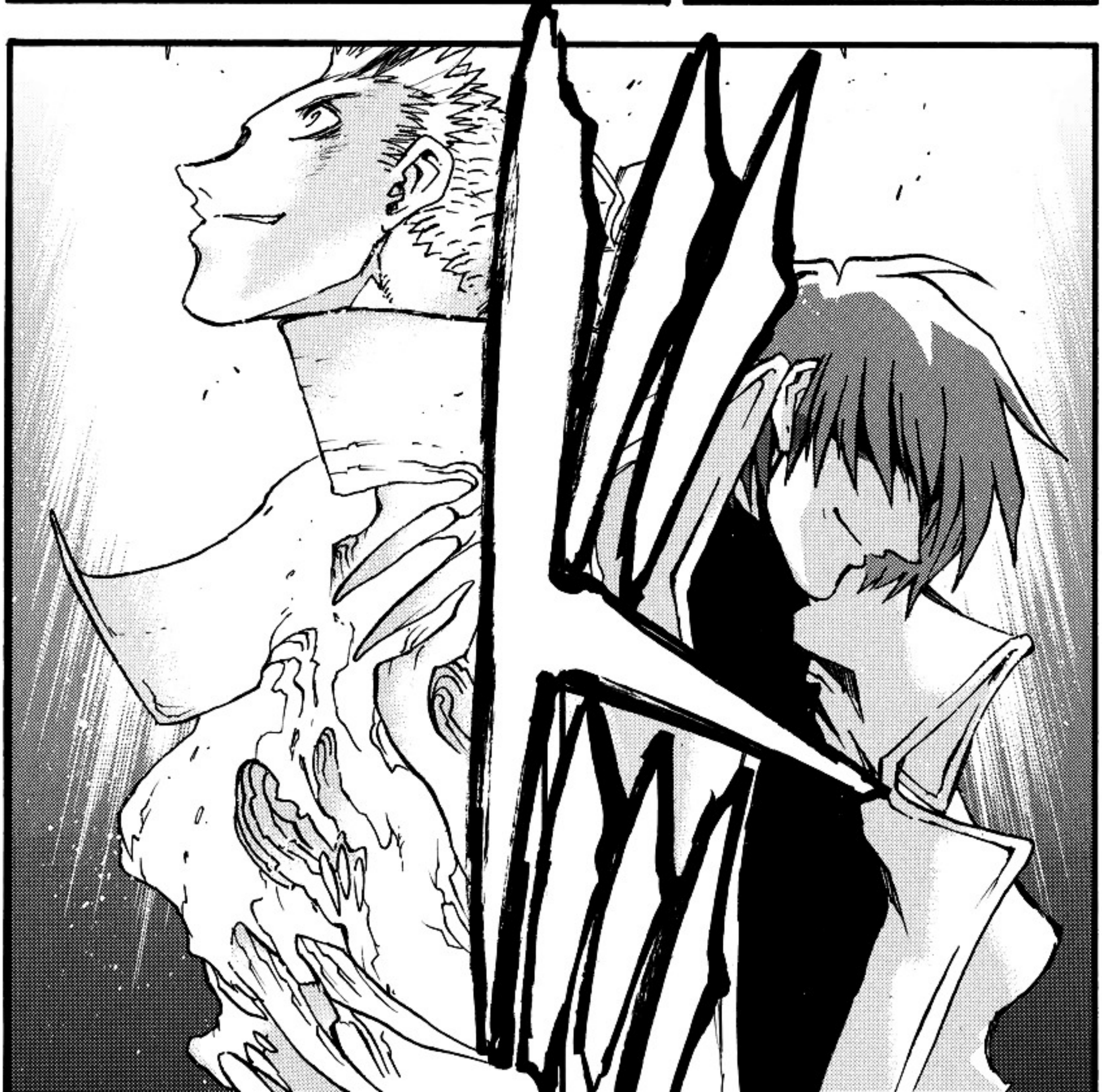
SHOOT ME.
...
SPLATTER MY BRAINS!
THEN YOU MAY PASS.
PULL THE TRIGGER!











AH.
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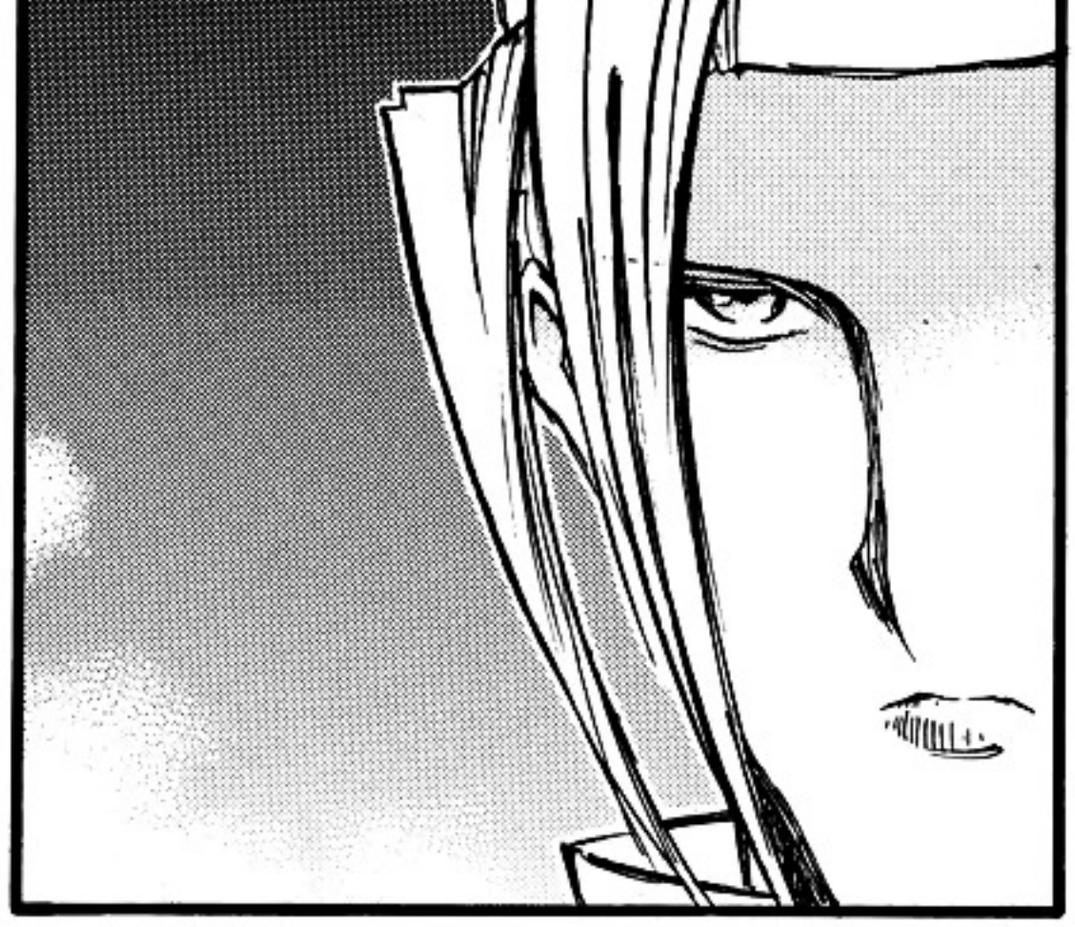
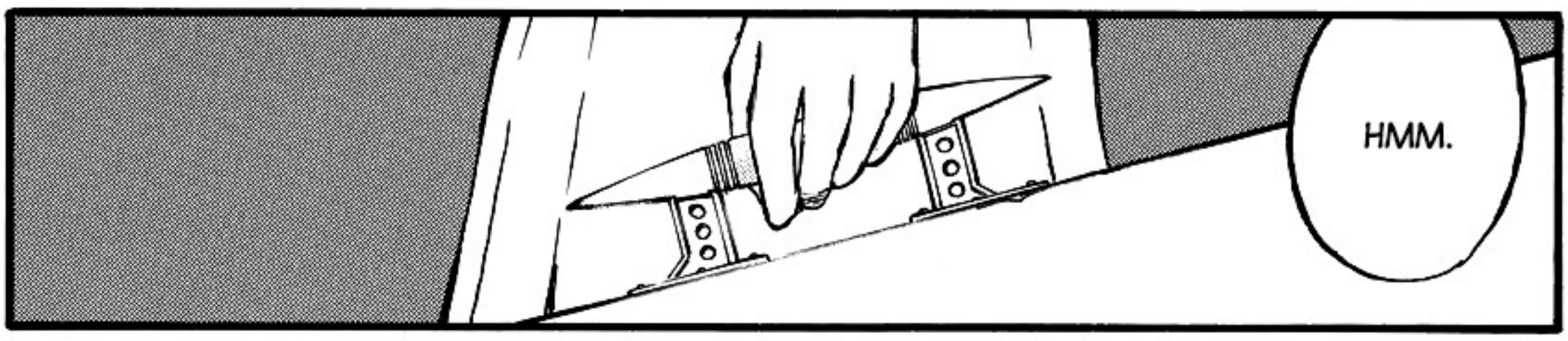
SO MANY, IN FACT, THERE WAS NO ROOM LEFT TO STICK THEM.
I COULD'VE SWORN I SKEWERED YOU WITH MY NAILS, DIDN'T I?
THAT'S FUNNY.

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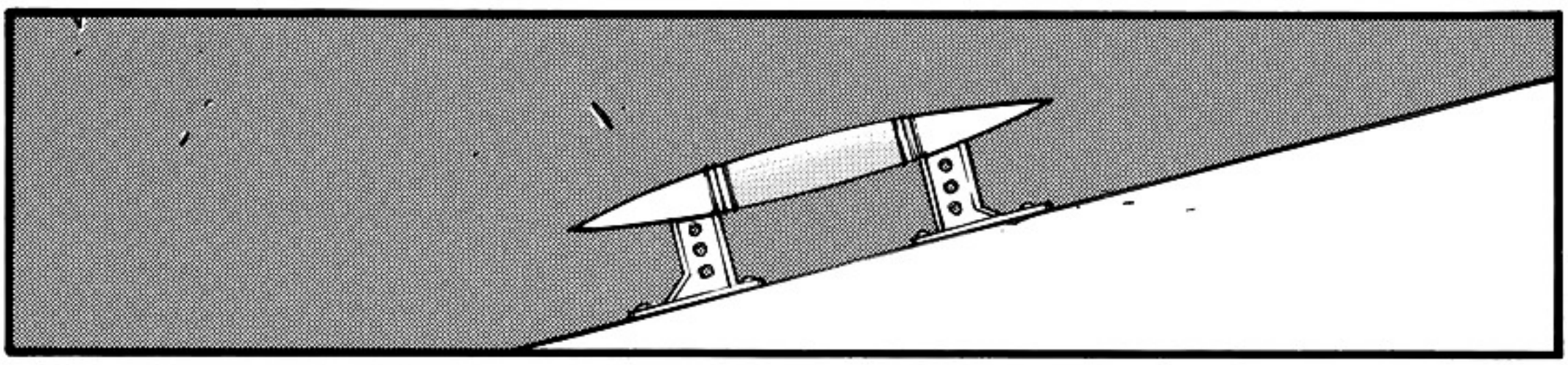
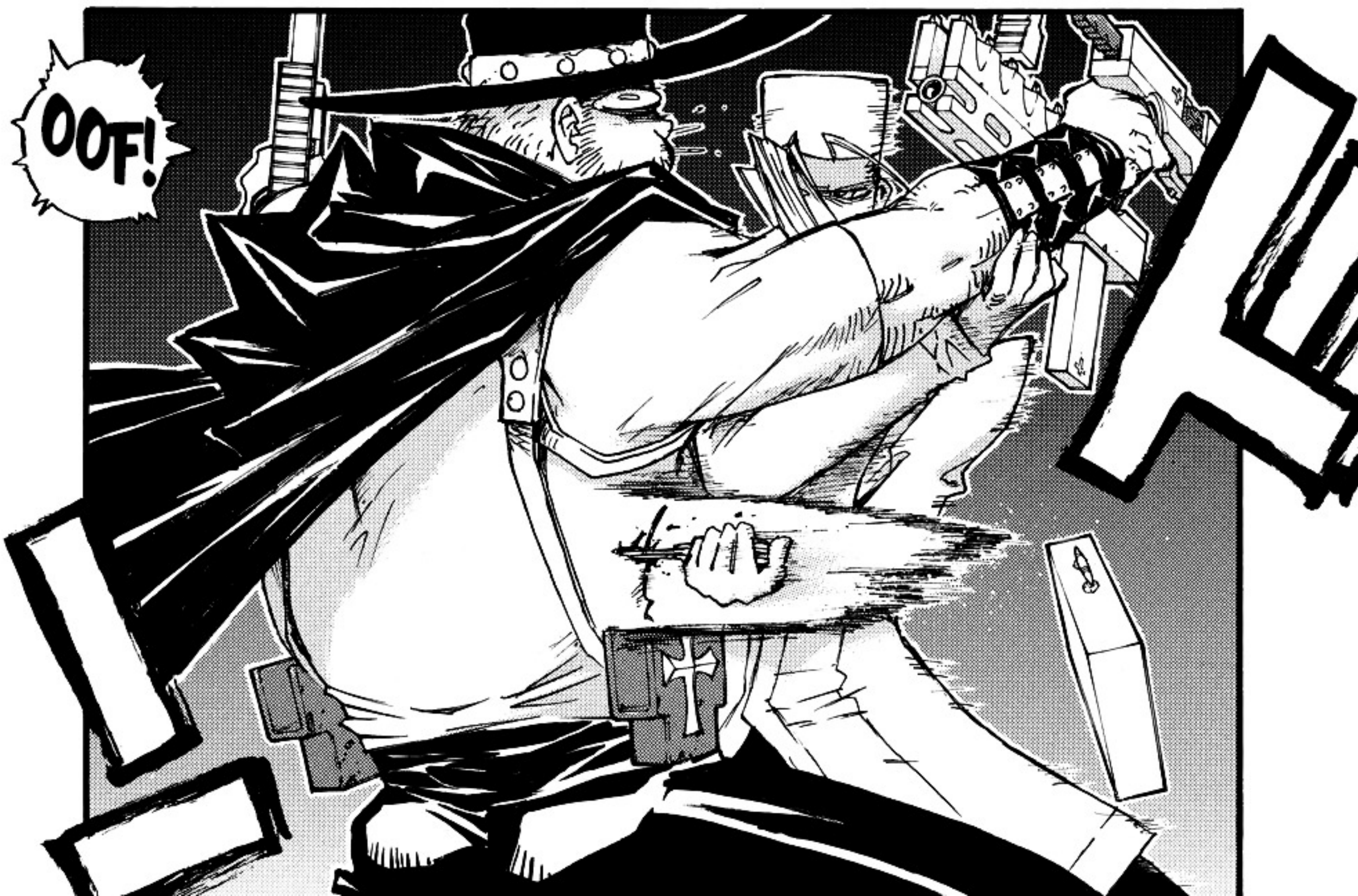
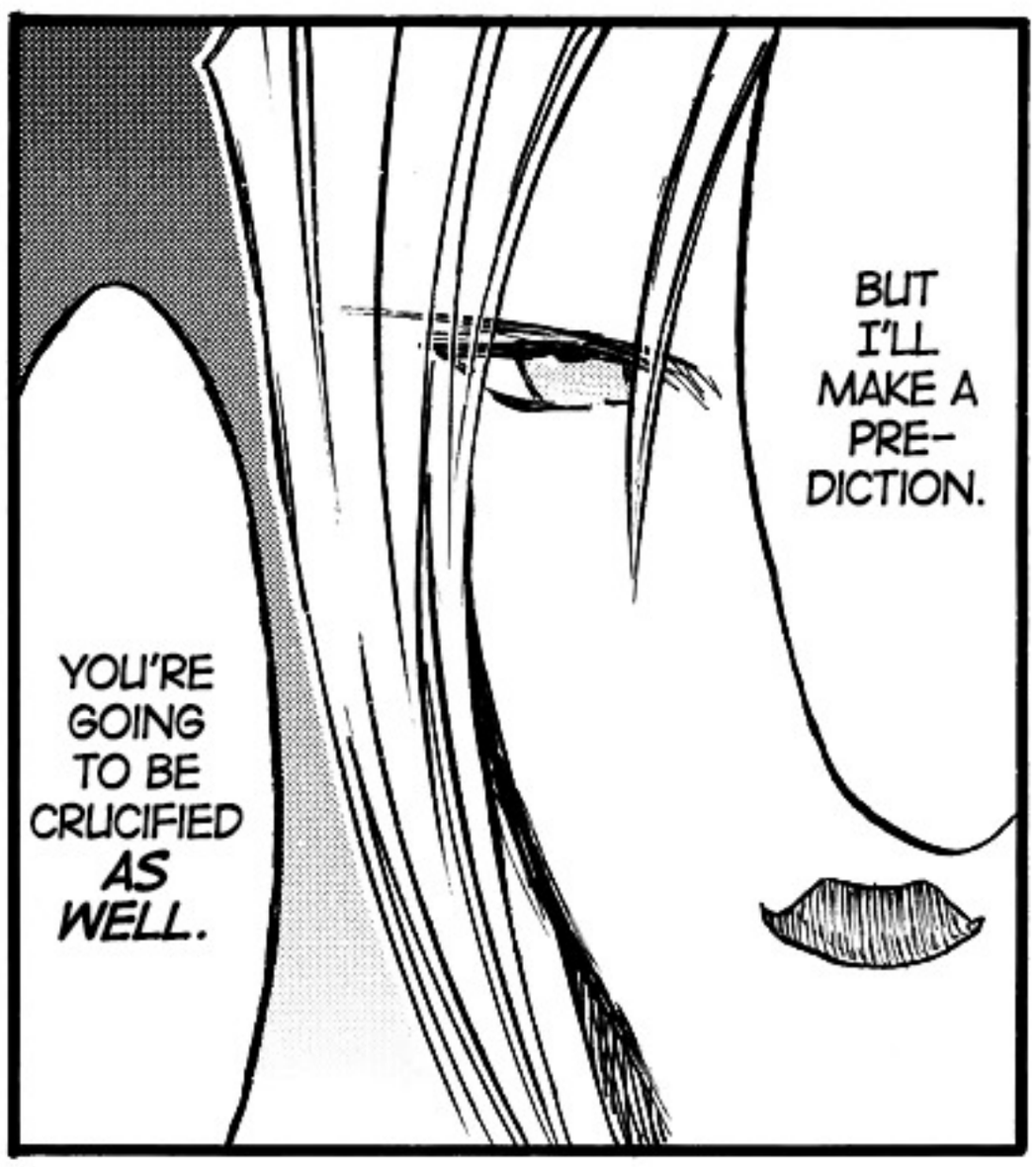



OOF!

IT'S VULGAR.
SO, THAT'S WHAT THE EYE OF MICHAEL IS ALL ABOUT, HUH?
... ...
LOOK AT THAT.
WE'LL SEE IF THAT POWER OF YOURS STILL WORKS AFTER I RIP YOUR HEAD OFF.
OR MY STRENGTH, YOU COCKROACH.
WELL, CLEARLY, I AIN'T NO MATCH FOR YER WINNIN' PERSONALITY.
THAT'S A LITTLE BELOW THE BELT, DON'TCHA THINK?

HE'S A STAIN ON THE WALL.

BUT FIRST, WHERE'S THE GENERAL?


BUT I'LL MAKE A PRE-DICTION.
YOU'RE GOING TO BE CRUCIFIED *AS WELL*.

PER-HAPS.
...
...

...
...
IN THAT CASE...
...ALL I GOTTA DO IS STOP YA AND IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.

IT IS...
IT'S NOT CONFI-DENCE.
YA *SURE* DON'T LACK FOR CONFI-DENCE.
HAH!
AND WHEN YOU'RE HANGING ON THAT WALL, *THEN* YOU CAN TRY AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP ME.

...FACT!

...JUST PLAIN...

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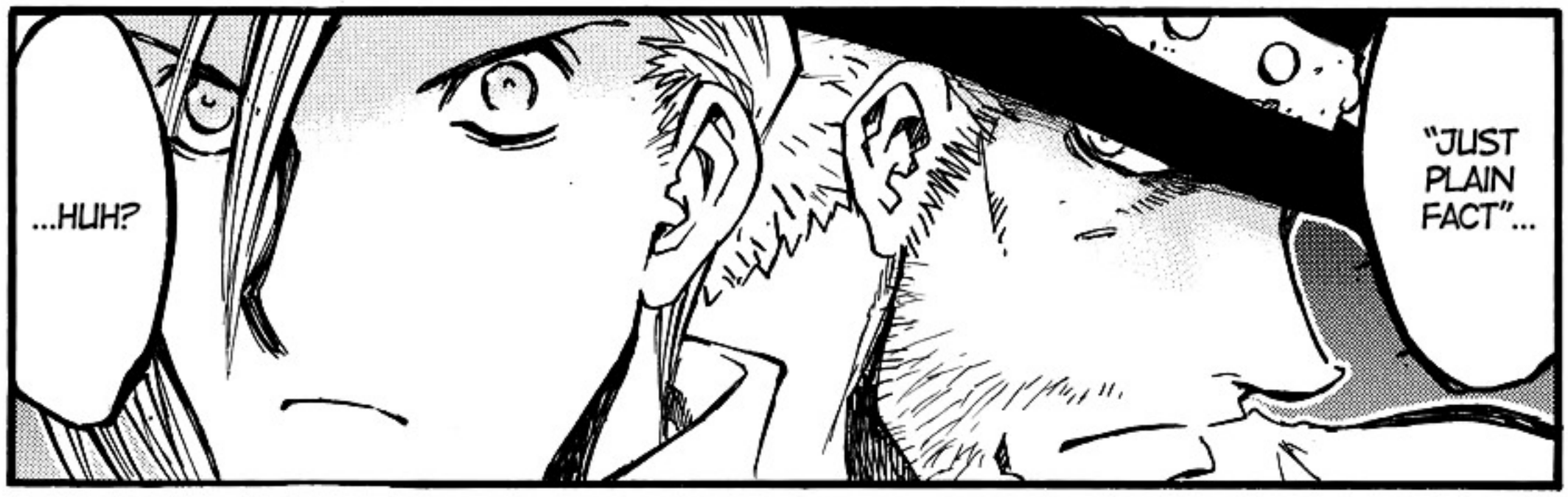
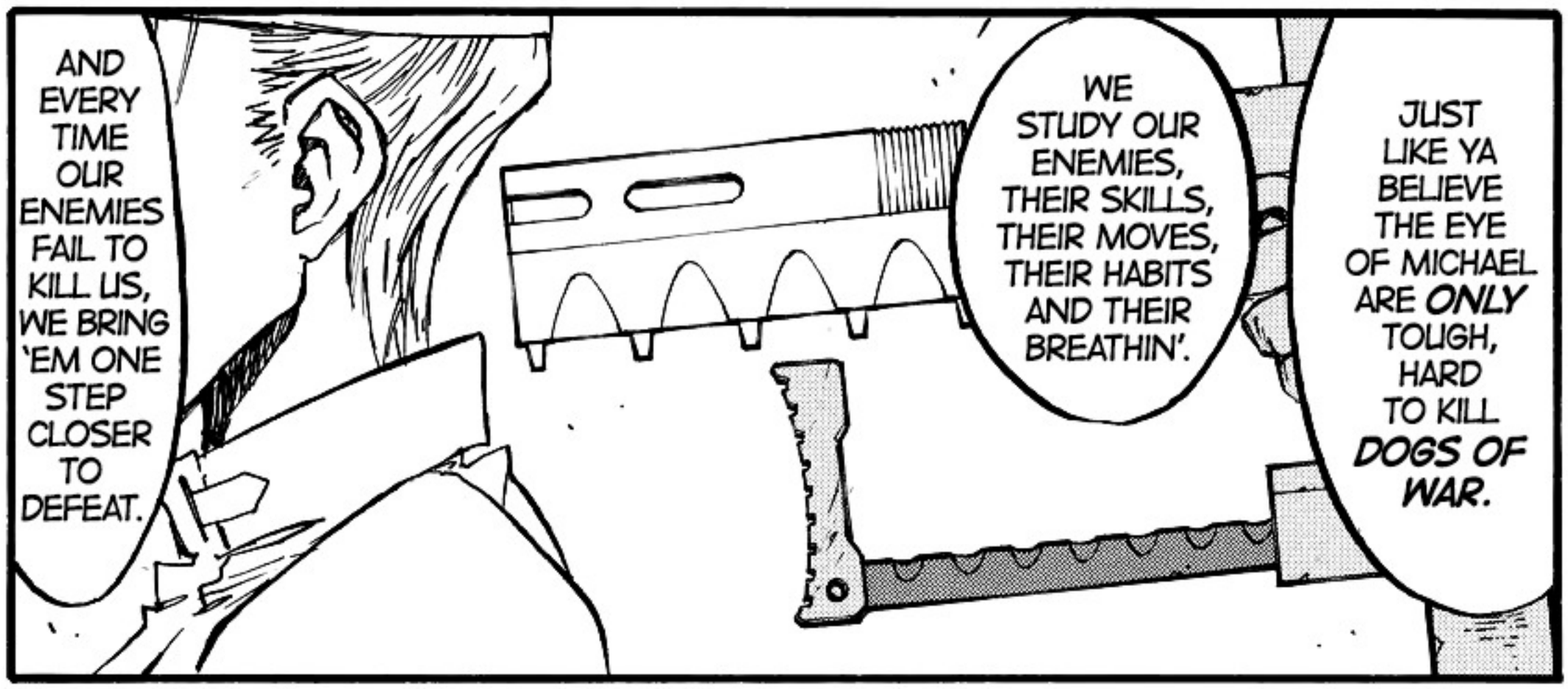
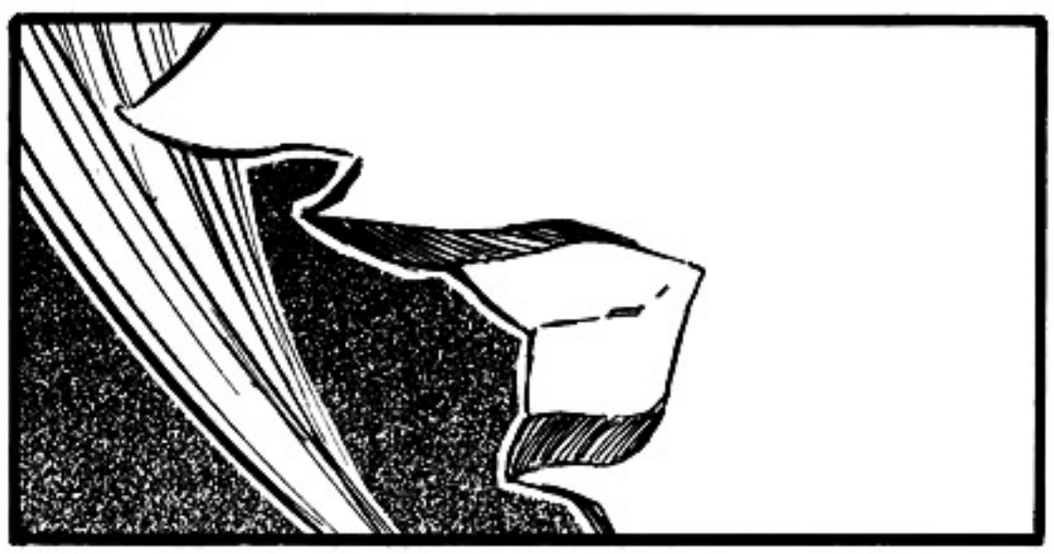
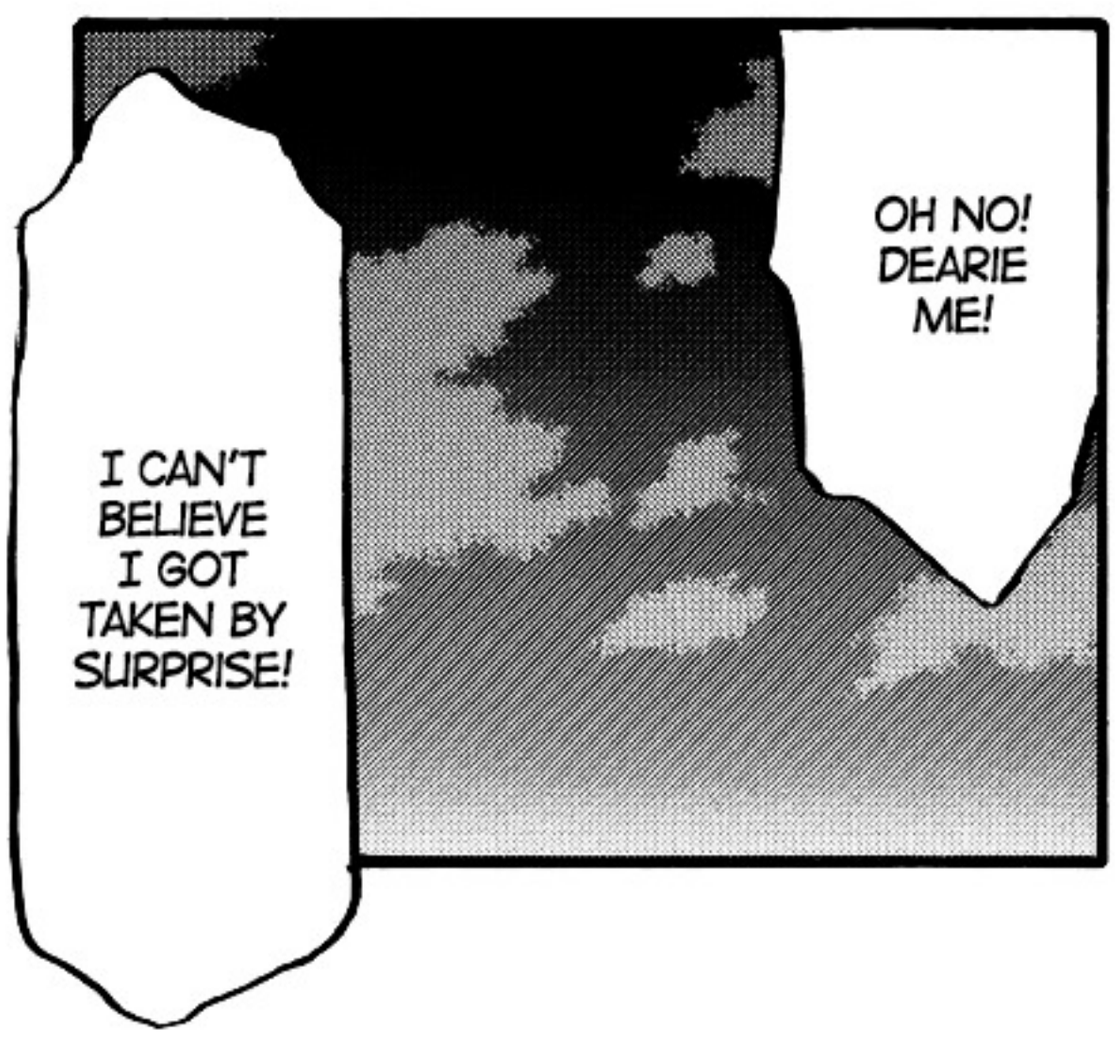

...HUH?
"JUST PLAIN FACT"...


AND EVERY TIME OUR ENEMIES FAIL TO KILL US, WE BRING 'EM ONE STEP CLOSER TO DEFEAT.
WE STUDY OUR ENEMIES, THEIR SKILLS, THEIR MOVES, THEIR HABITS AND THEIR BREATHIN'.
JUST LIKE YA BELIEVE THE EYE OF MICHAEL ARE ONLY TOUGH, HARD TO KILL DOGS OF WAR.

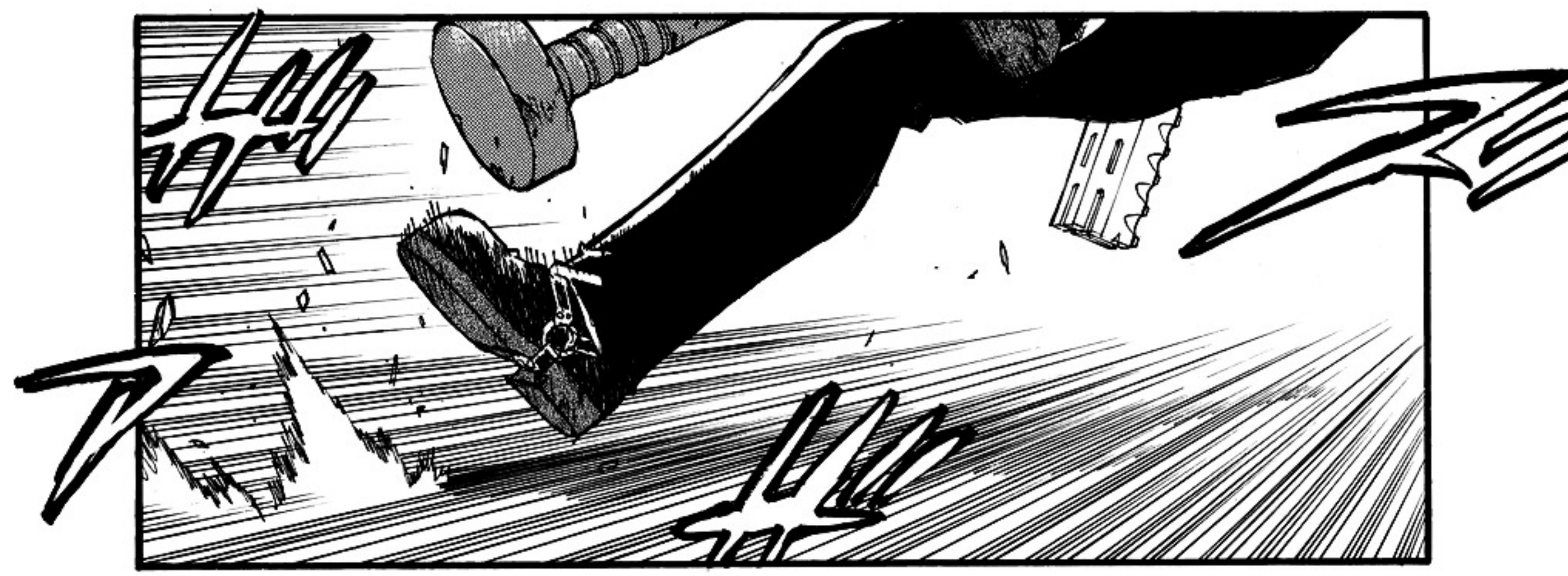


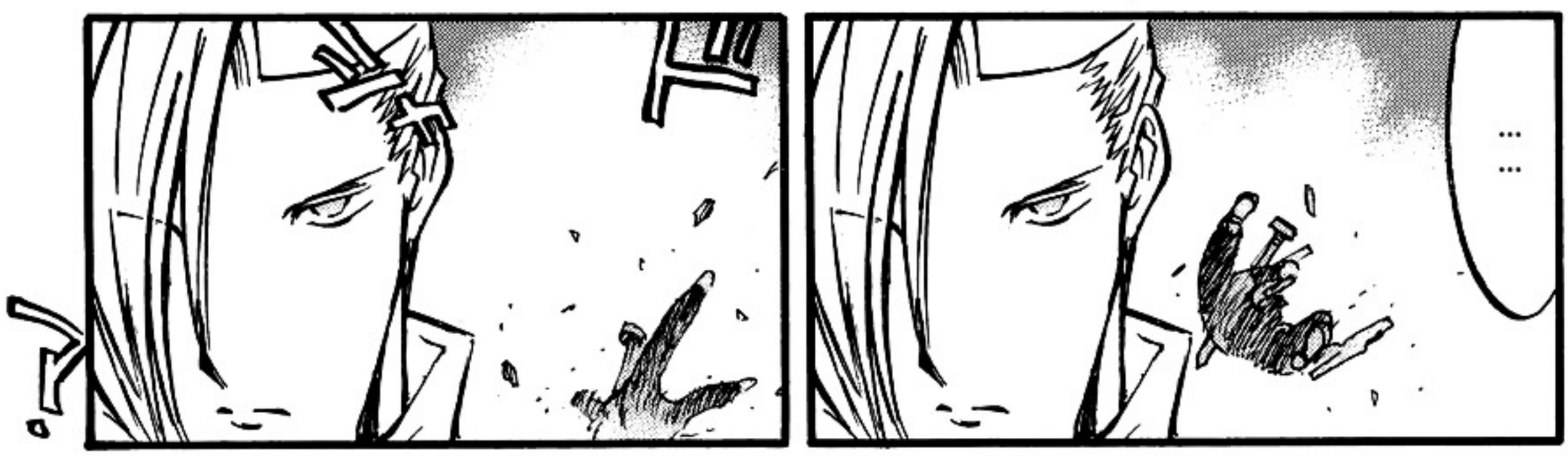

OH NO! DEARIE ME!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT TAKEN BY SURPRISE!

YER TOO POWER-FUL.
WERE YA JUST A LITTLE WEAKER, YA WOULDN'T BE SO OVER-CONFI-DENT.

...!
WHEN DID YOU-!

YOU IDIOT!
GUESS AGAIN!

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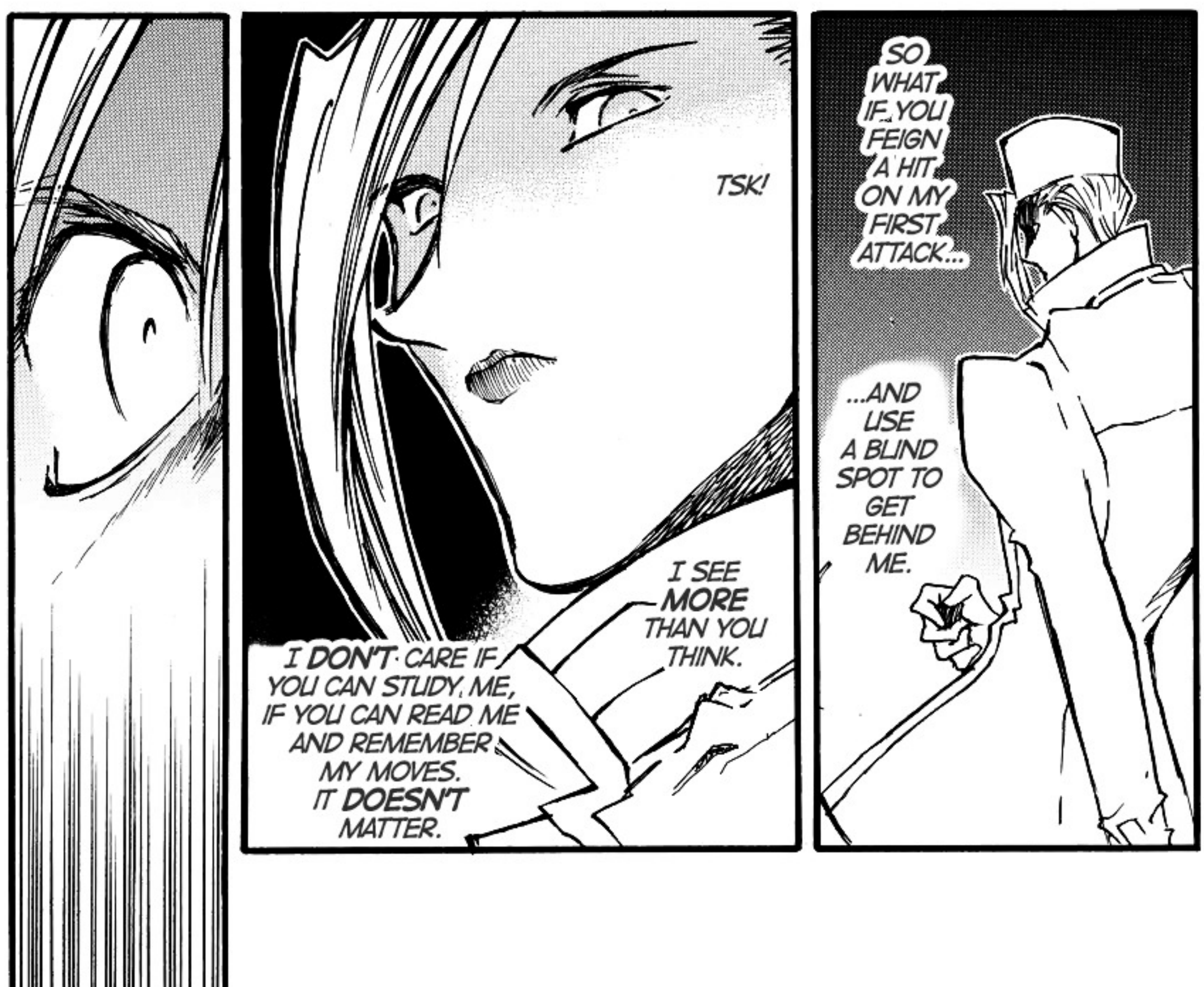

SO WHAT IF YOU FEIGN A HIT ON MY FIRST ATTACK...
...AND USE A BLIND SPOT TO GET BEHIND ME.
TSK!
I SEE MORE THAN YOU THINK.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU CAN STUDY ME, IF YOU CAN READ ME AND REMEMBER MY MOVES. IT DOESN'T MATTER.

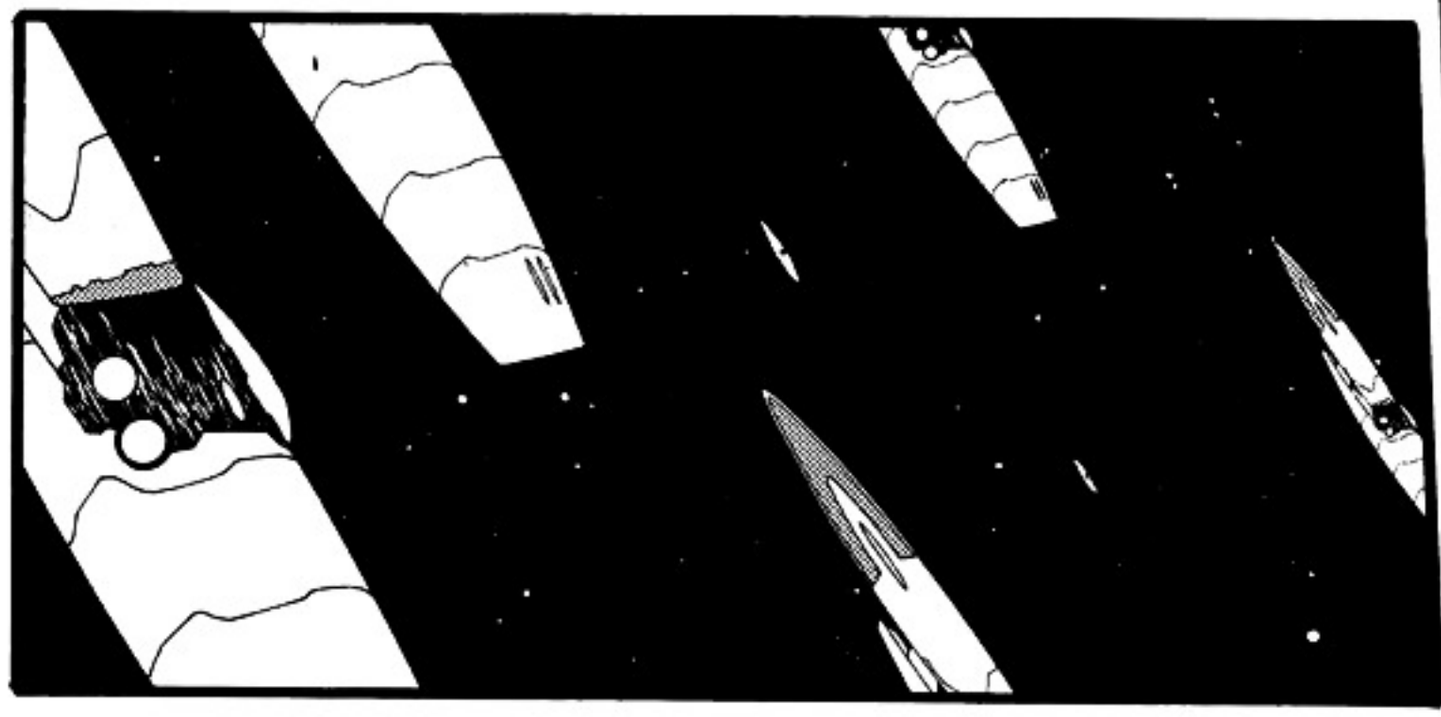
SO WHAT NOW?

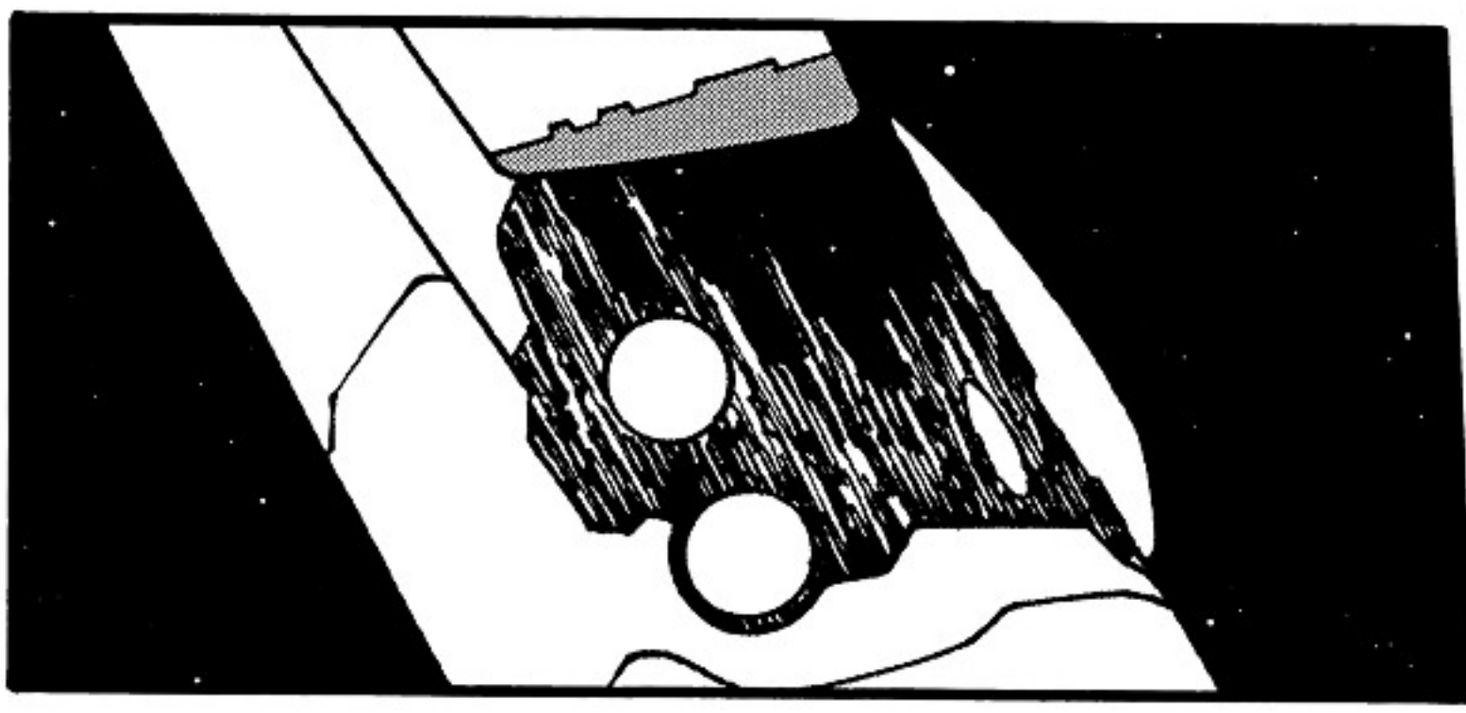
ALREADY TOLD YA, DIDN'T I?

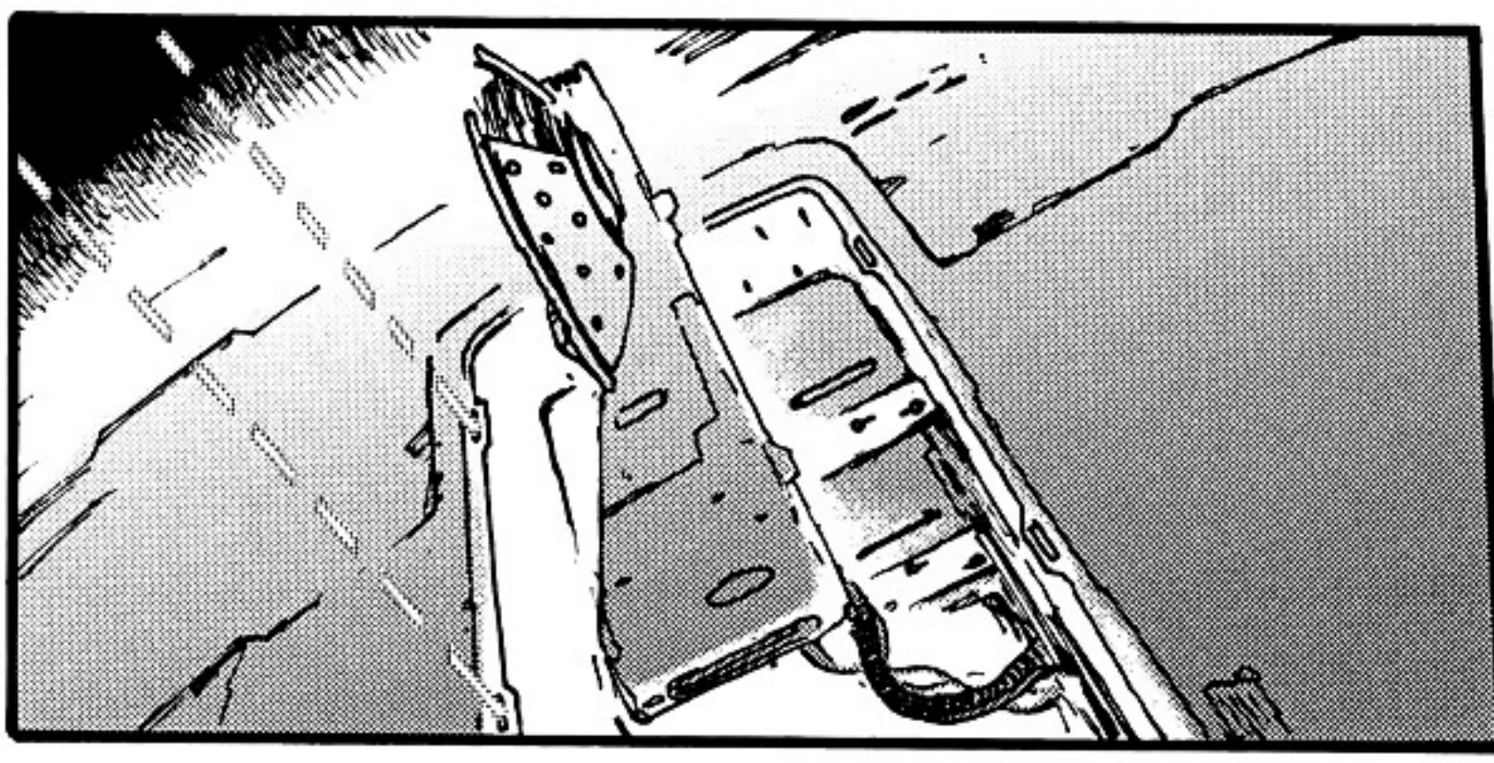
EVERY TIME YA FAIL TO KILL ME...

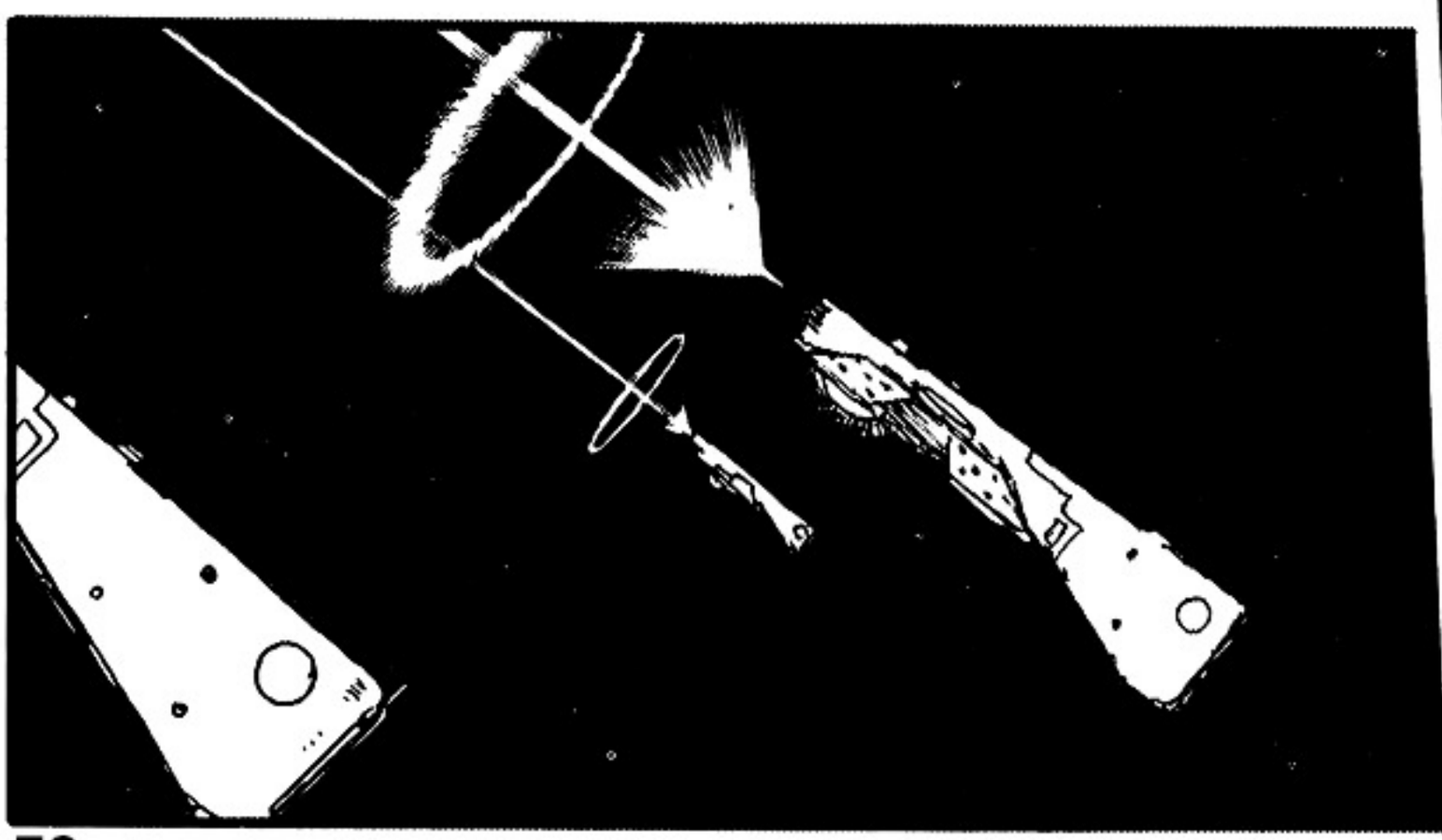
...IT'LL BRING YA *ONE STEP* CLOSER TO DEFEAT.

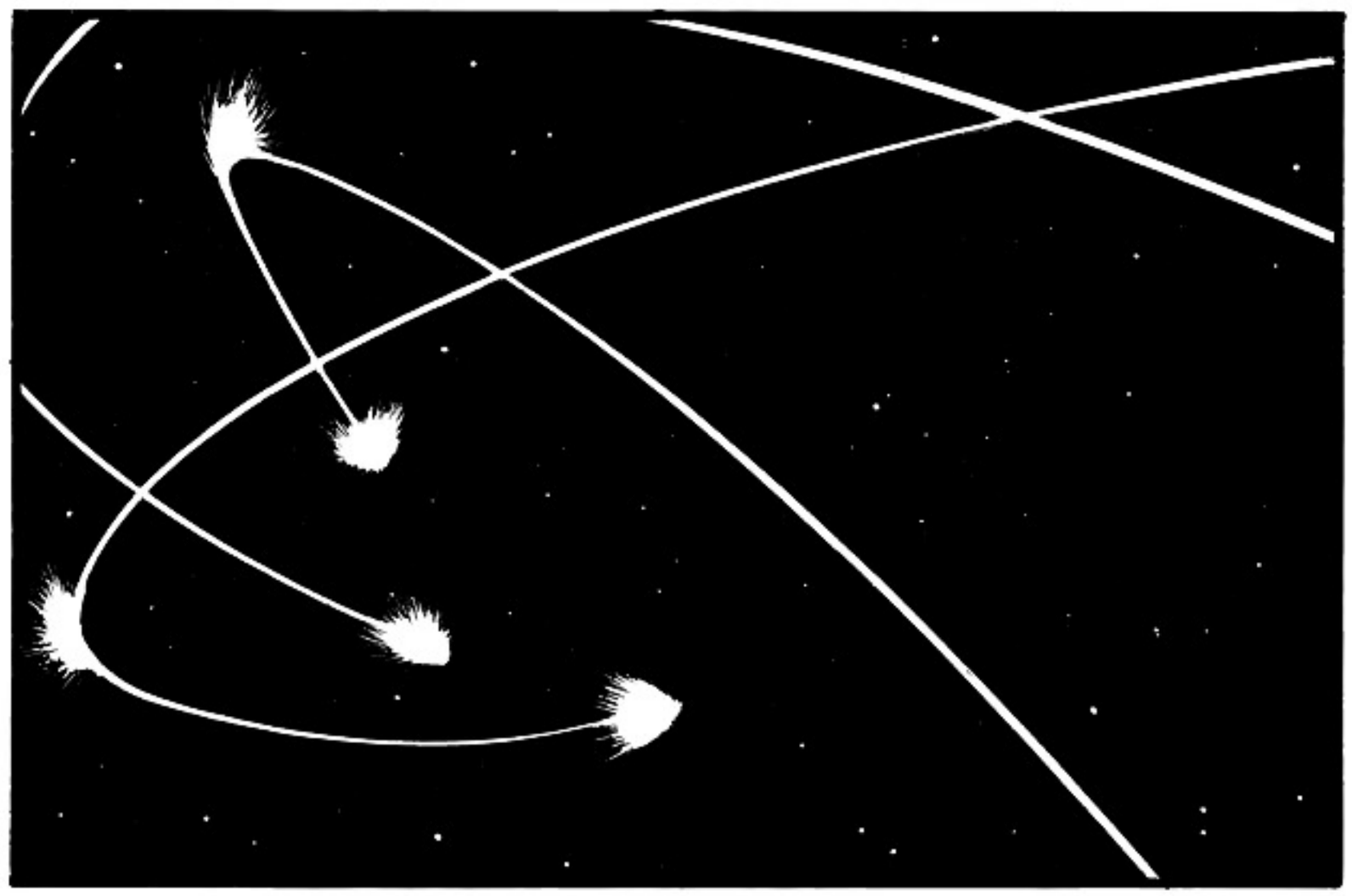
AND IT'S GONNA BE BIG.

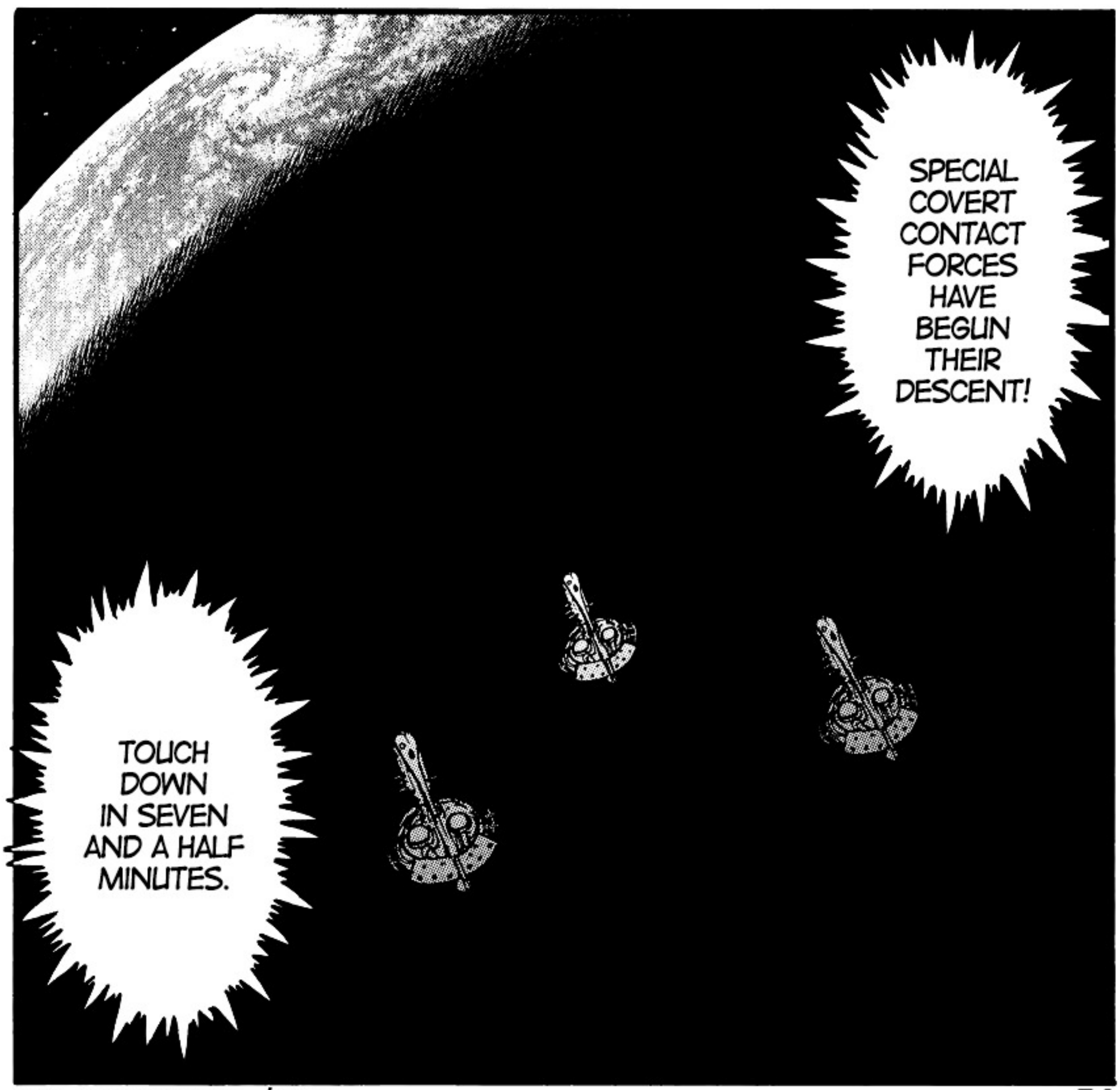











SPECIAL COVERT CONTACT FORCES HAVE BEGUN THEIR DESCENT!
TOUCH DOWN IN SEVEN AND A HALF MINUTES.

250 METERS!

ALTITUDE: 1300... 950... 500...

AP-PROACHING TARGET, STAYING CLOSE TO THE GROUND.

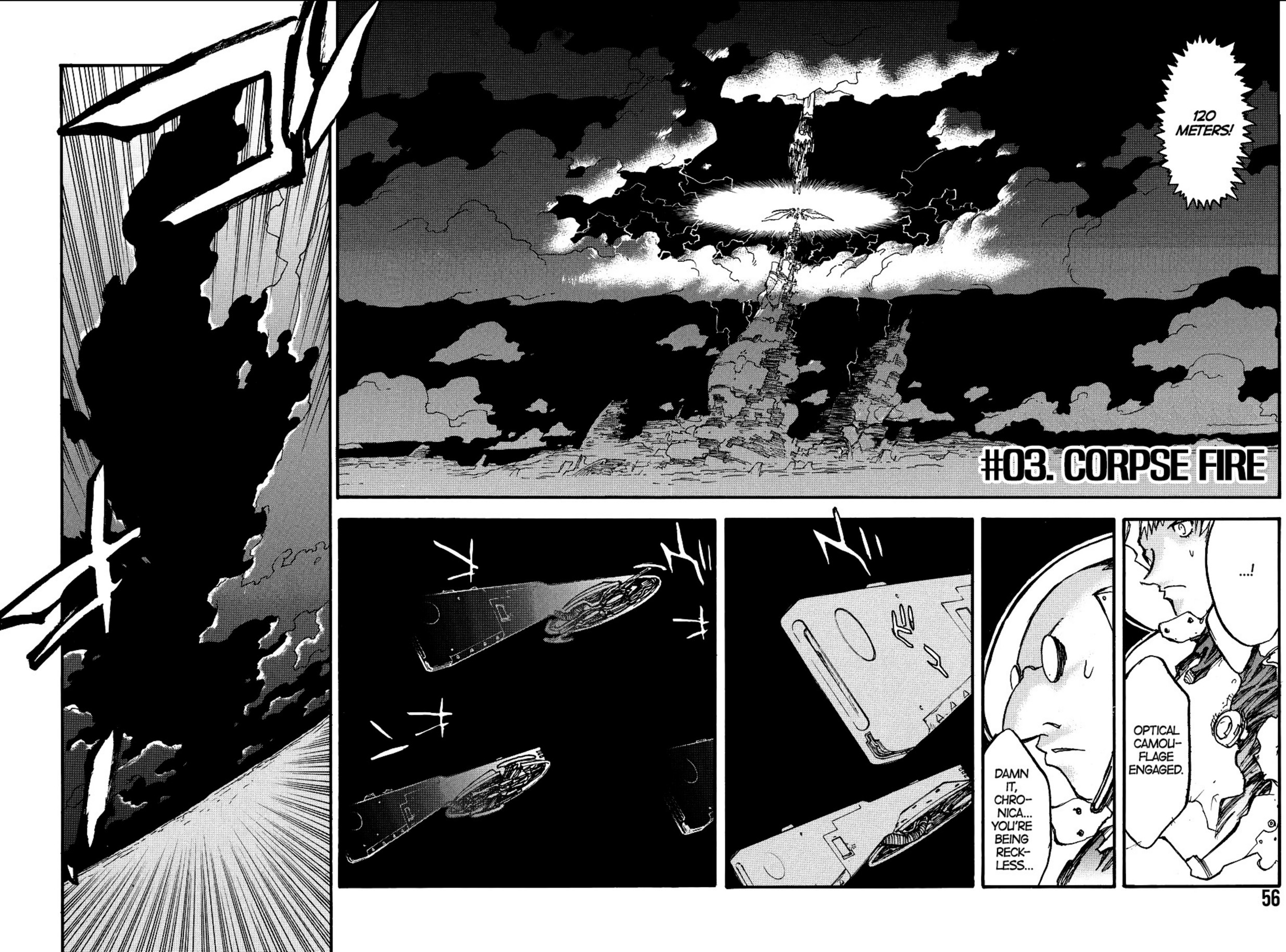
THIS IS GOING TO BE A ROUGH FIRST CONTACT.

THE INDEPEN-DENT MAY HAVE TECHNOLOGY THAT ALLOWS HIM TO INTERCEPT OUR COMMUNICA-TIONS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LAND WITHOUT PERMISSION.

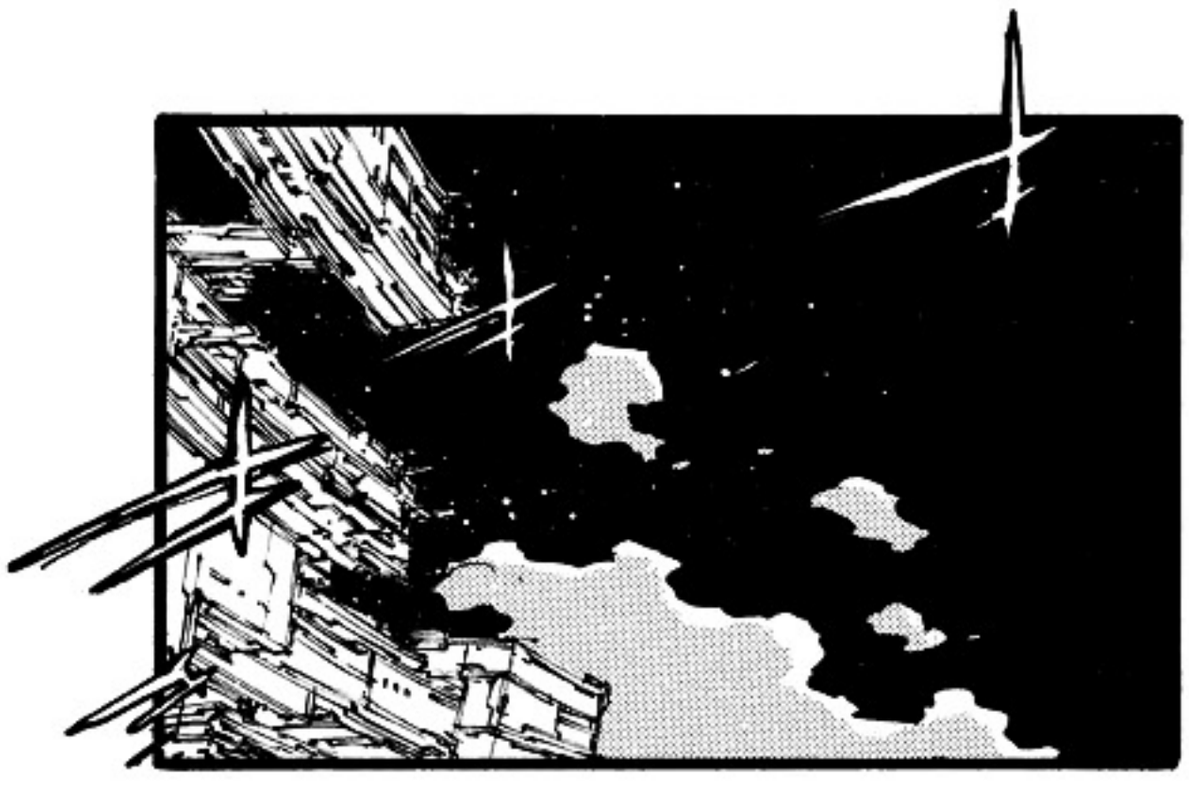
...
...

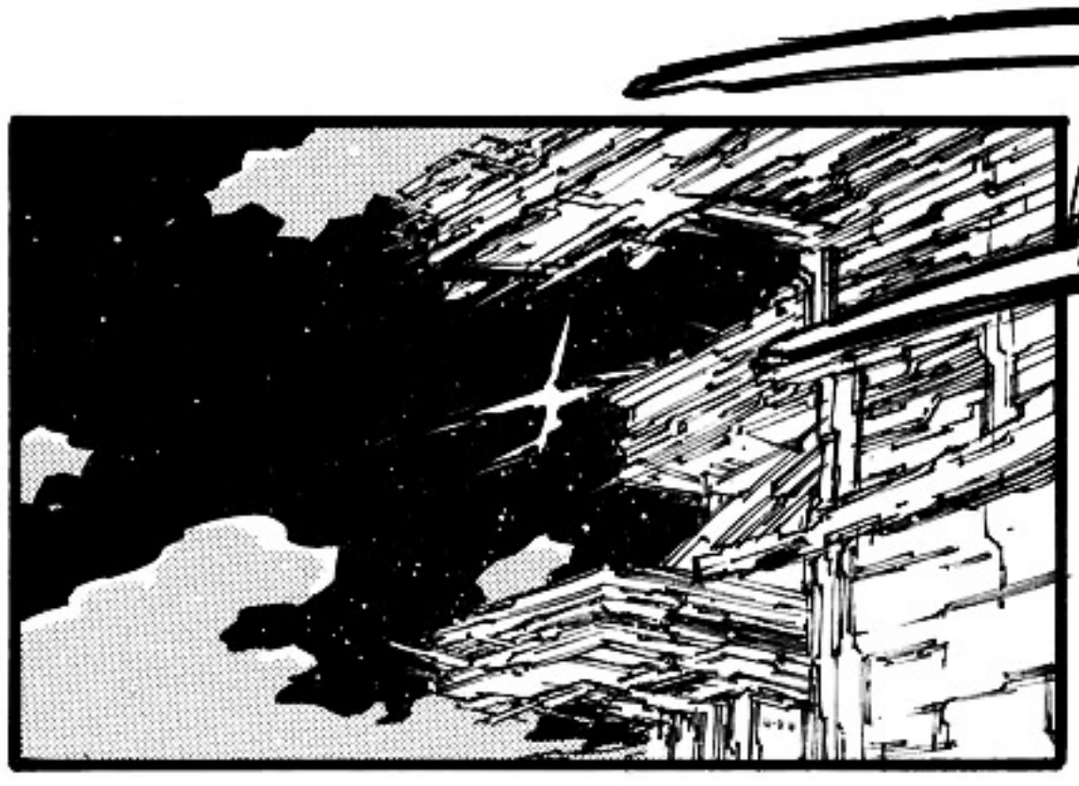
SHOULD WE CONTACT THEM?

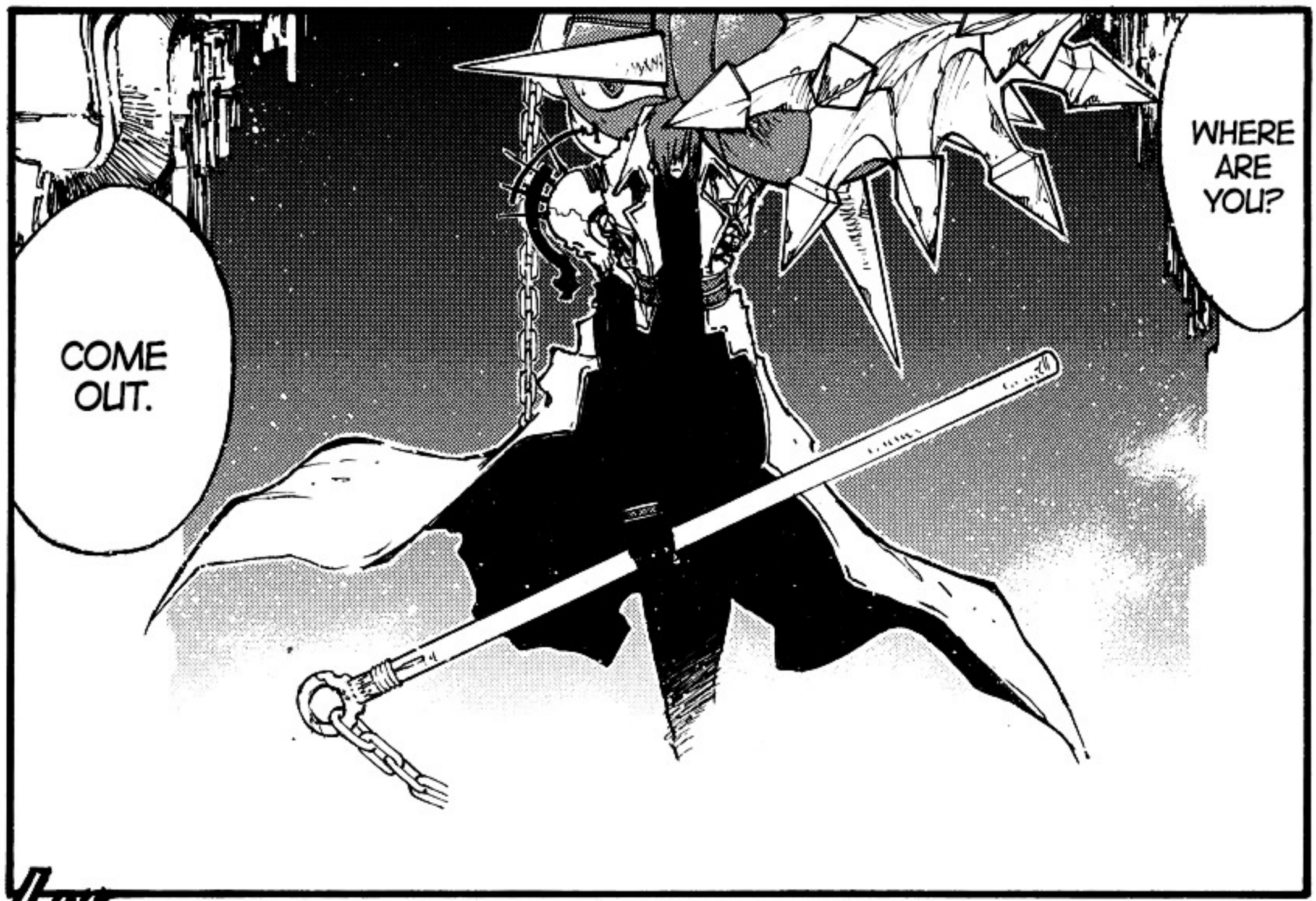
NO.


120 METERS!
#03. CORPSE FIRE
...!
OPTICAL CAMOU-FLAGE ENGAGED.
DAMN IT, CHRO-NICA... YOU'RE BEING RECK-LESS...

THE STAGE IS SET.
SO YOU GOT AWAY.
HEH.
...
...

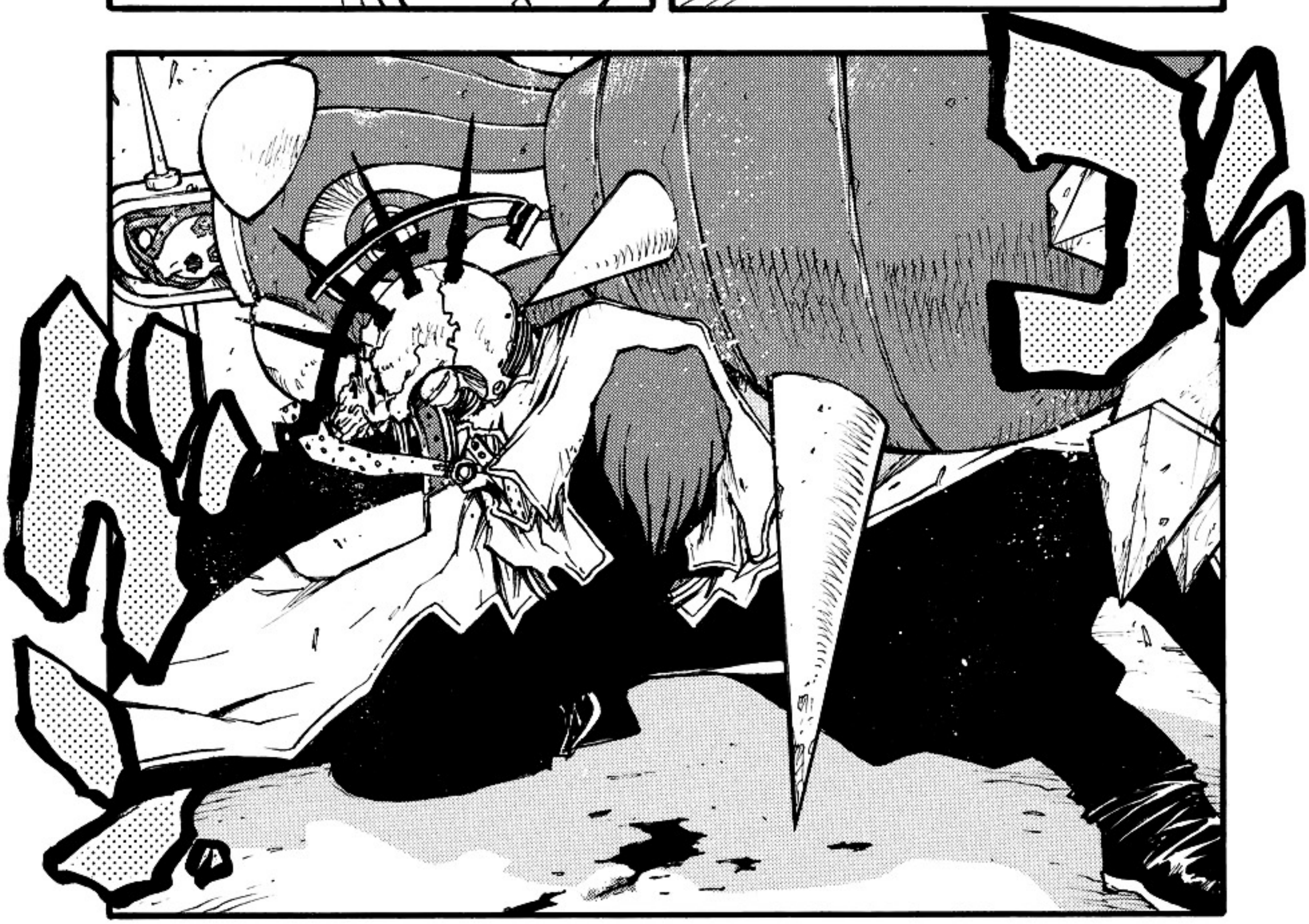


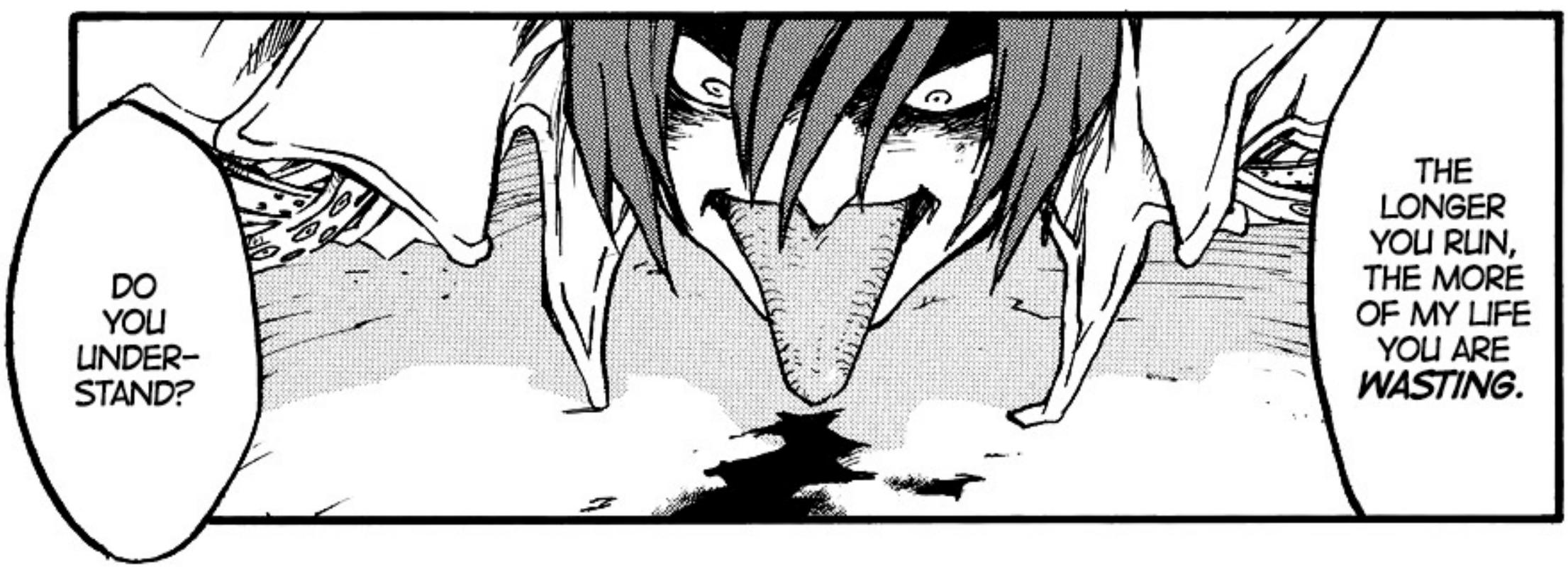


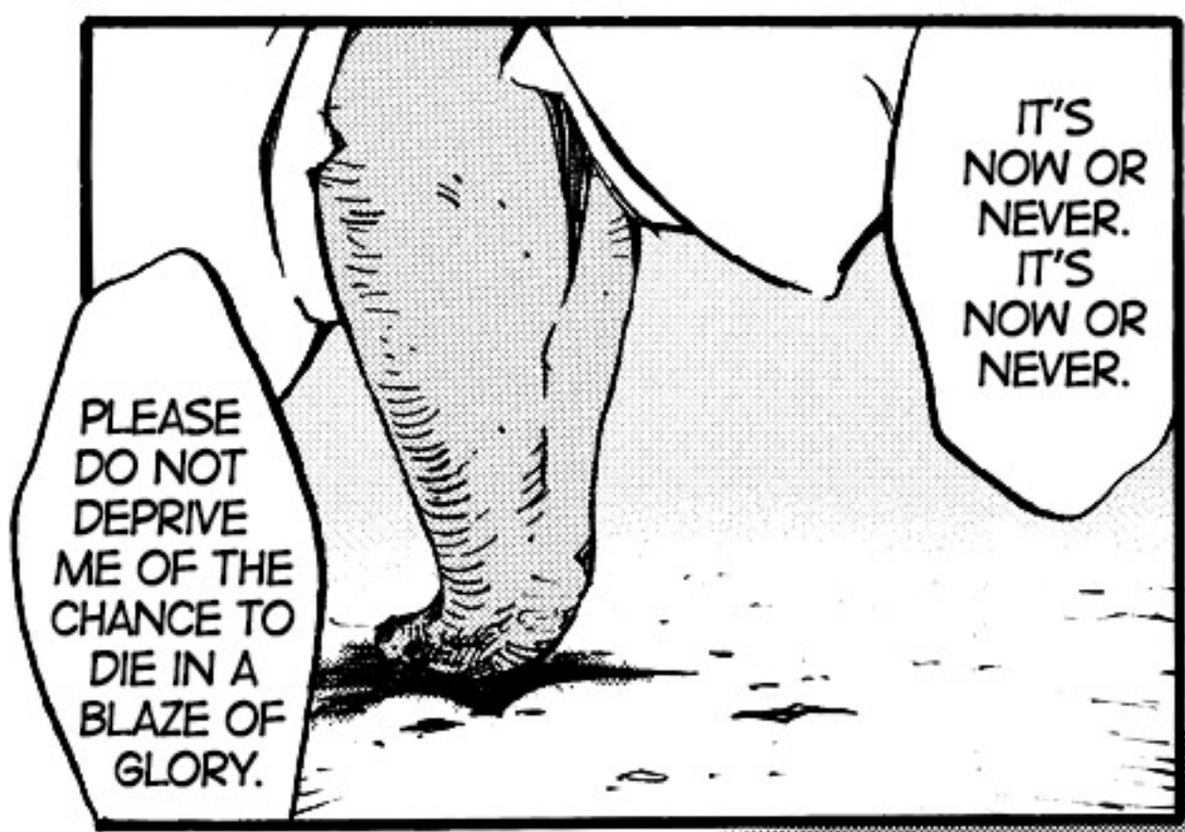

WHERE ARE YOU?
COME OUT.

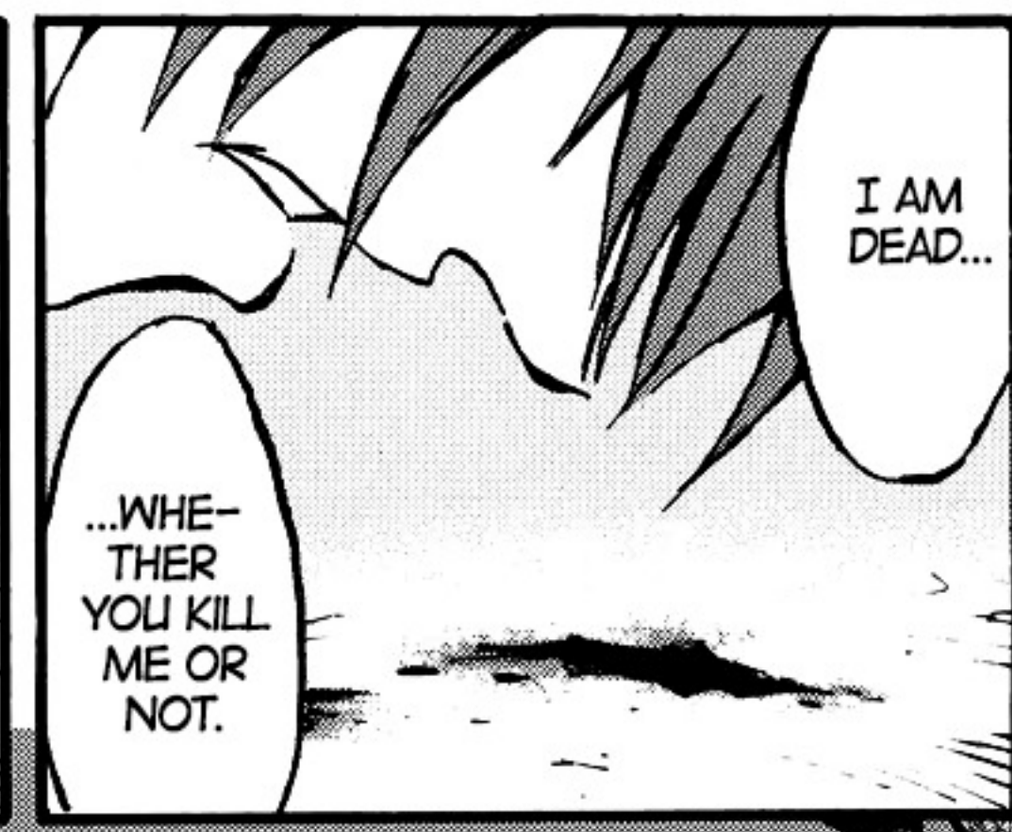
...YOU *WILL* FACE ME.

IF YOU HAVE ANY REGARD FOR MY LIFE...
AND BRING YOUR GUN.



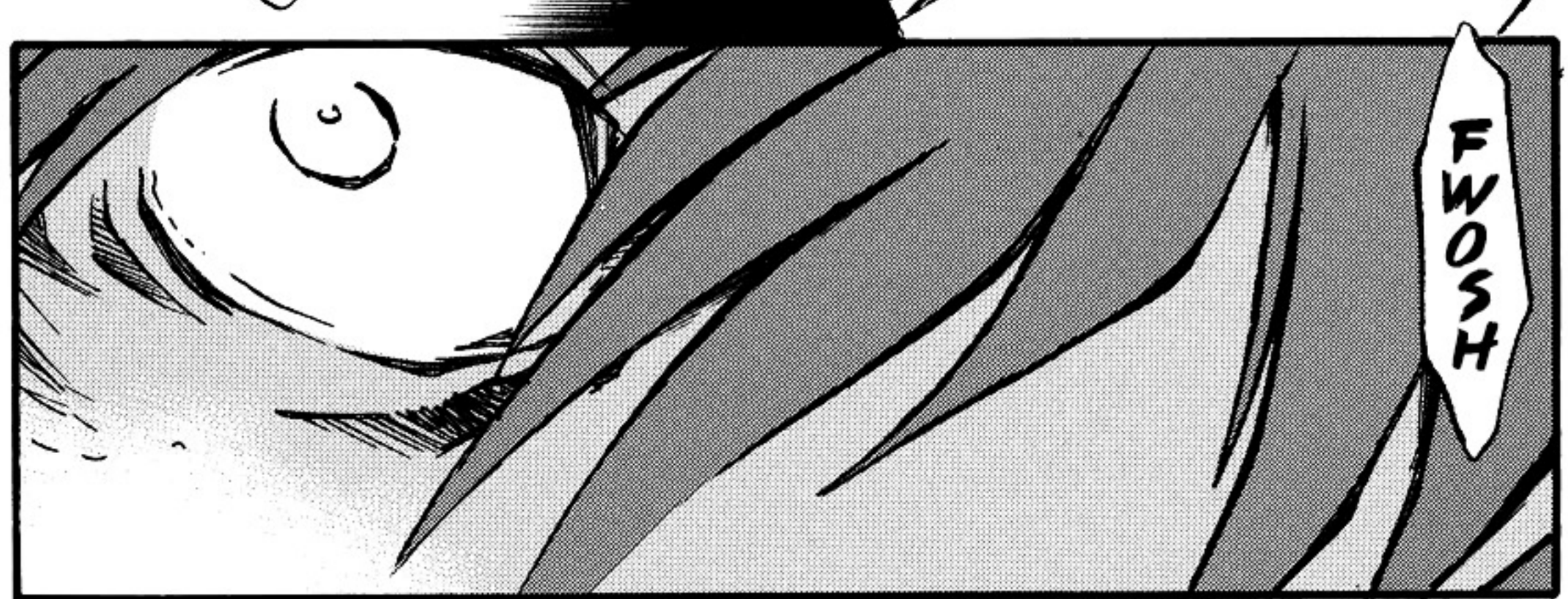

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
THE LONGER YOU RUN, THE MORE OF MY LIFE YOU ARE *WASTING*.


PLEASE DO NOT DEPRIVE ME OF THE CHANCE TO DIE IN A BLAZE OF GLORY.
IT'S NOW OR NEVER. IT'S NOW OR NEVER.


...WHE-THER YOU KILL ME OR NOT.
I AM DEAD...

WOOSH

FWOSH
WOOSH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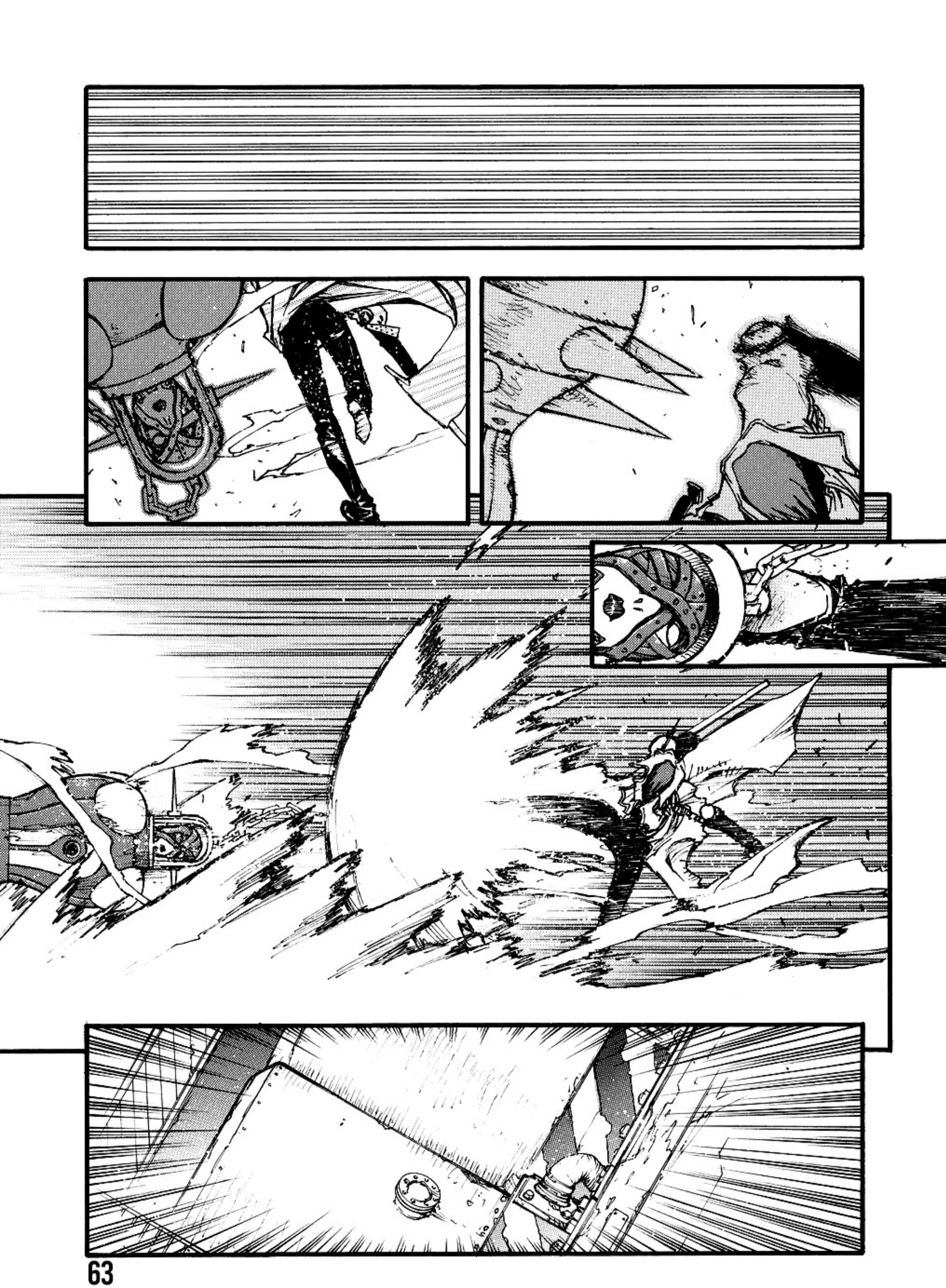
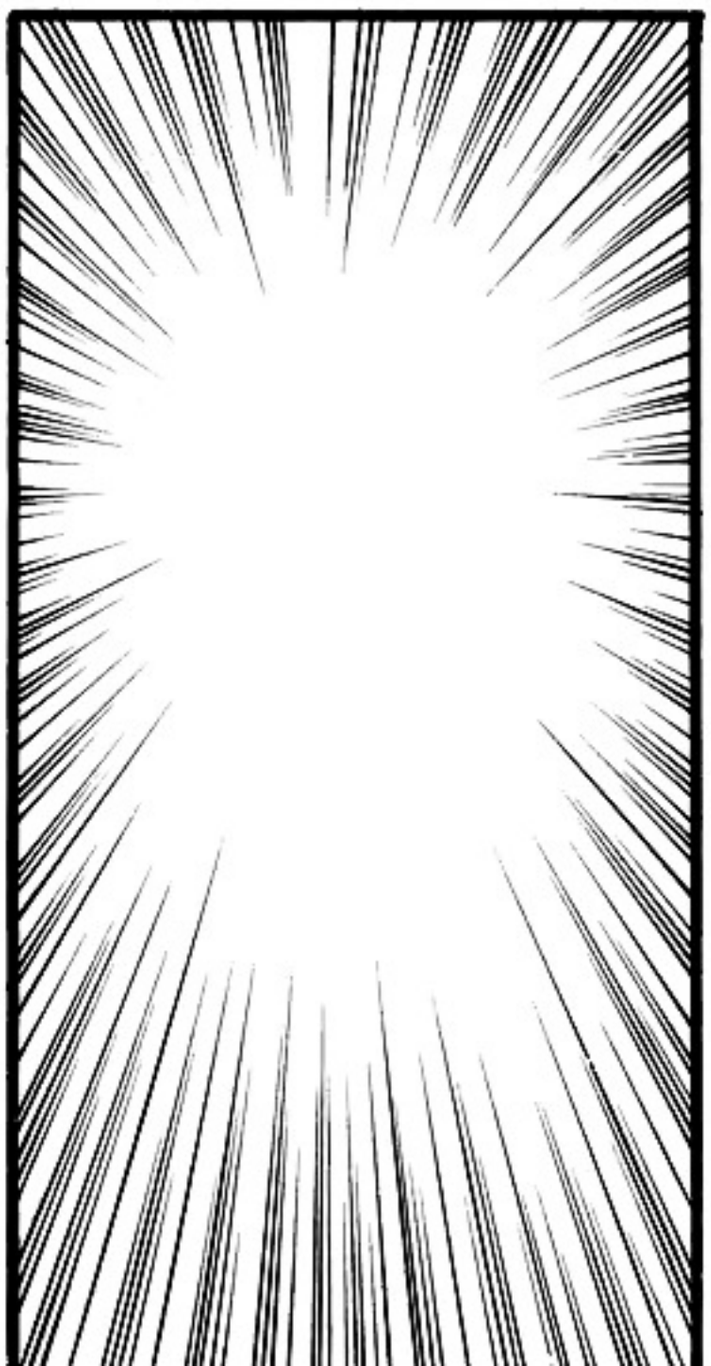
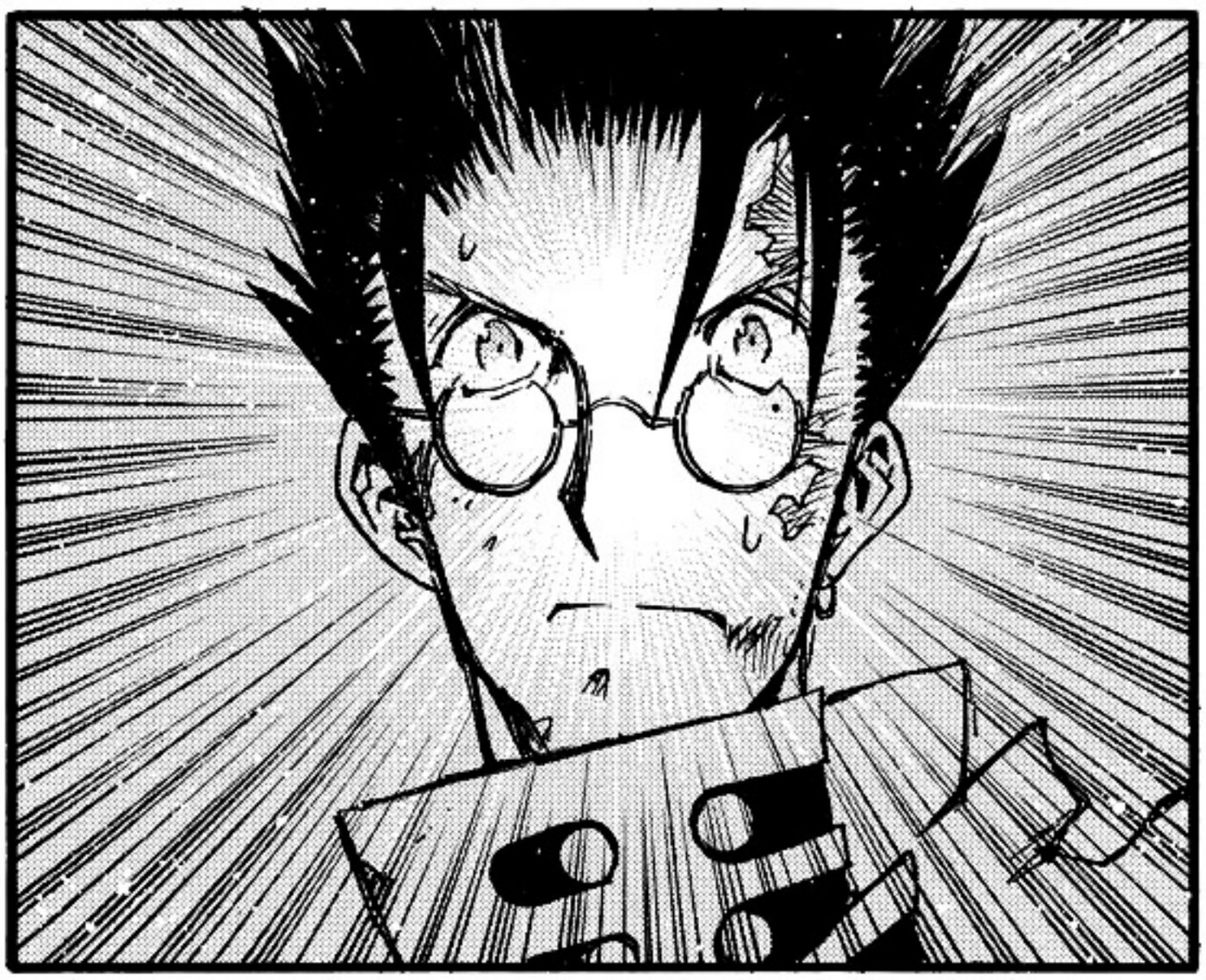


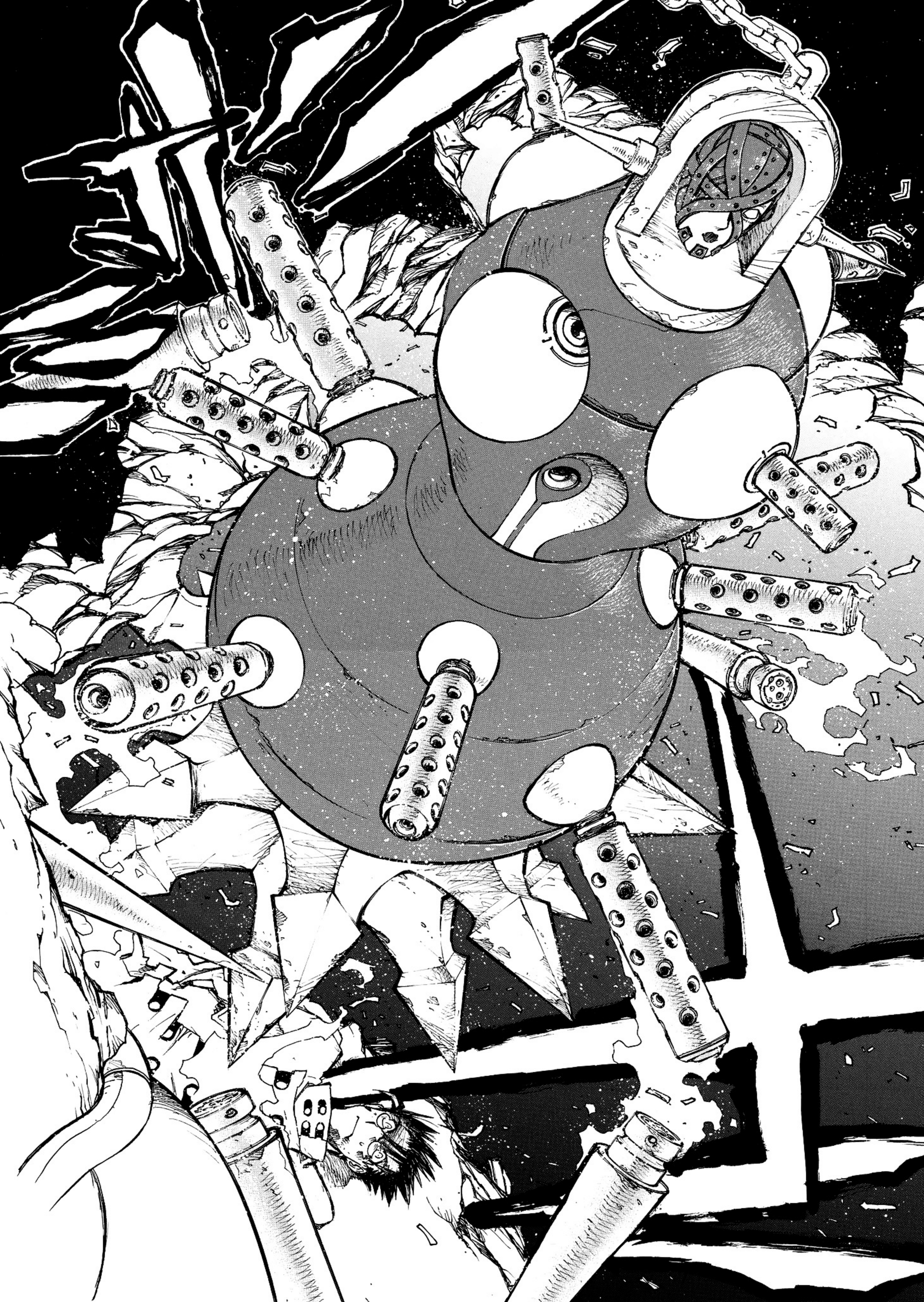
CONVINCE ME...
PROVE TO ME...
MAKE ME UNDER-STAND...
...
...
ANSWER ME...
...
...
...WHICH ONE OF US IS THE BEST, YOU OR ME?

...WOULD *HE* HAVE ACCEPTED *ME?*

TELL ME, IF IT WERE NOT FOR *YOU...*







HEY!
WAIT!
WA-

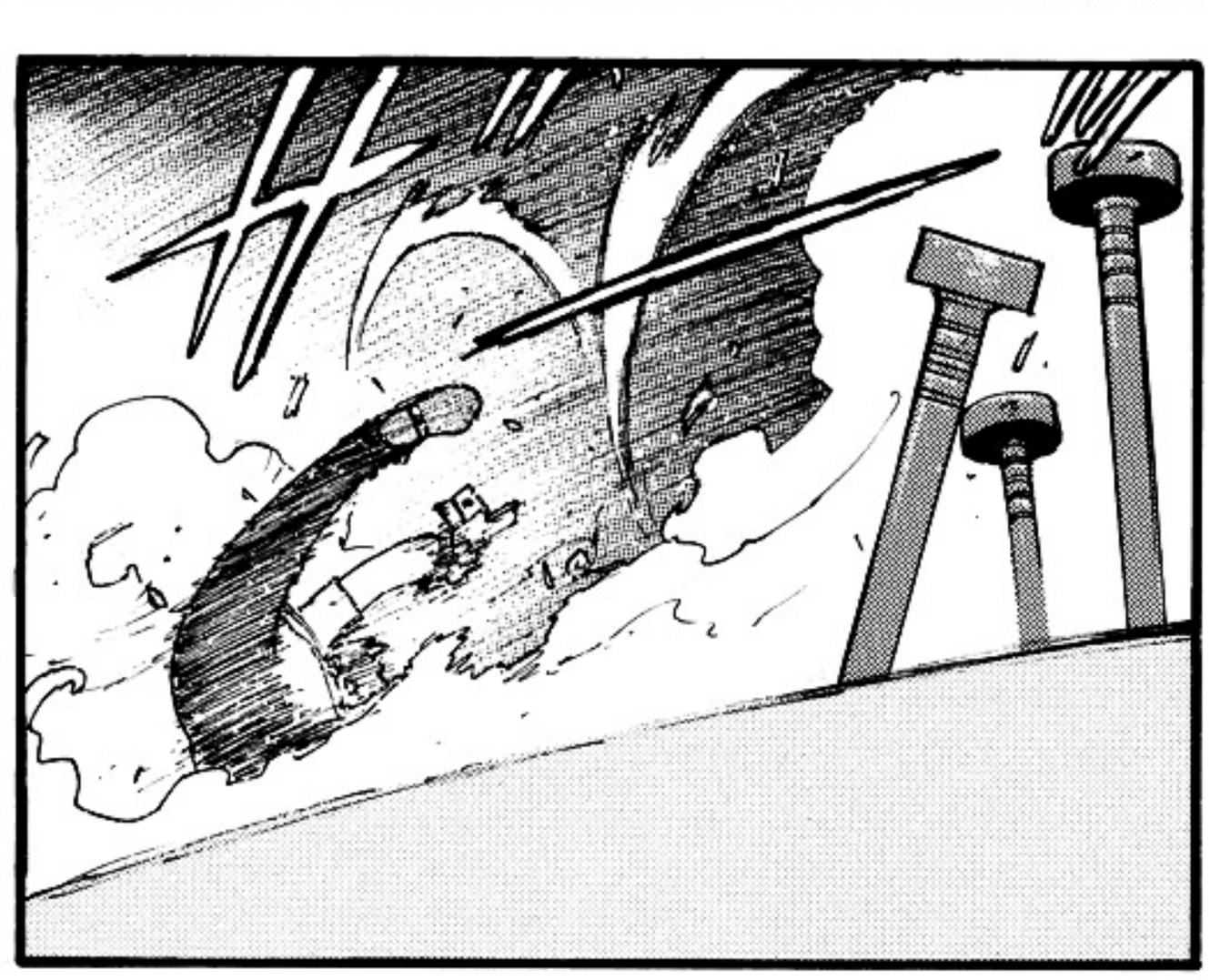
AA
AA
HA
AA
HA

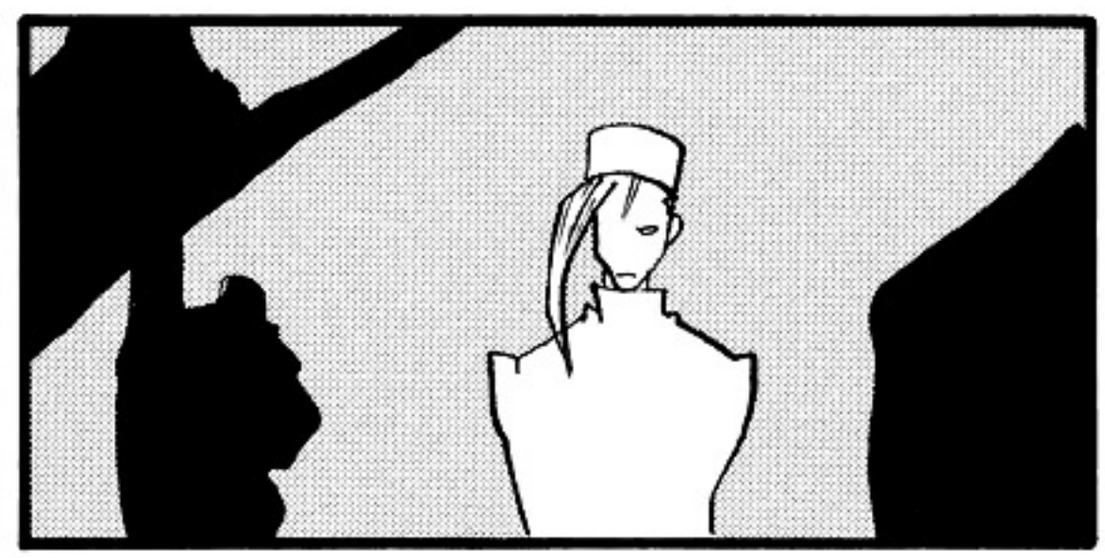
YA HARPY!
I TOLD YA TO WAIT!
AND YA STILL TOOK FOUR MORE SHOTS BEFORE I HIT THE GROUND.

GAH!

HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!
HAH!

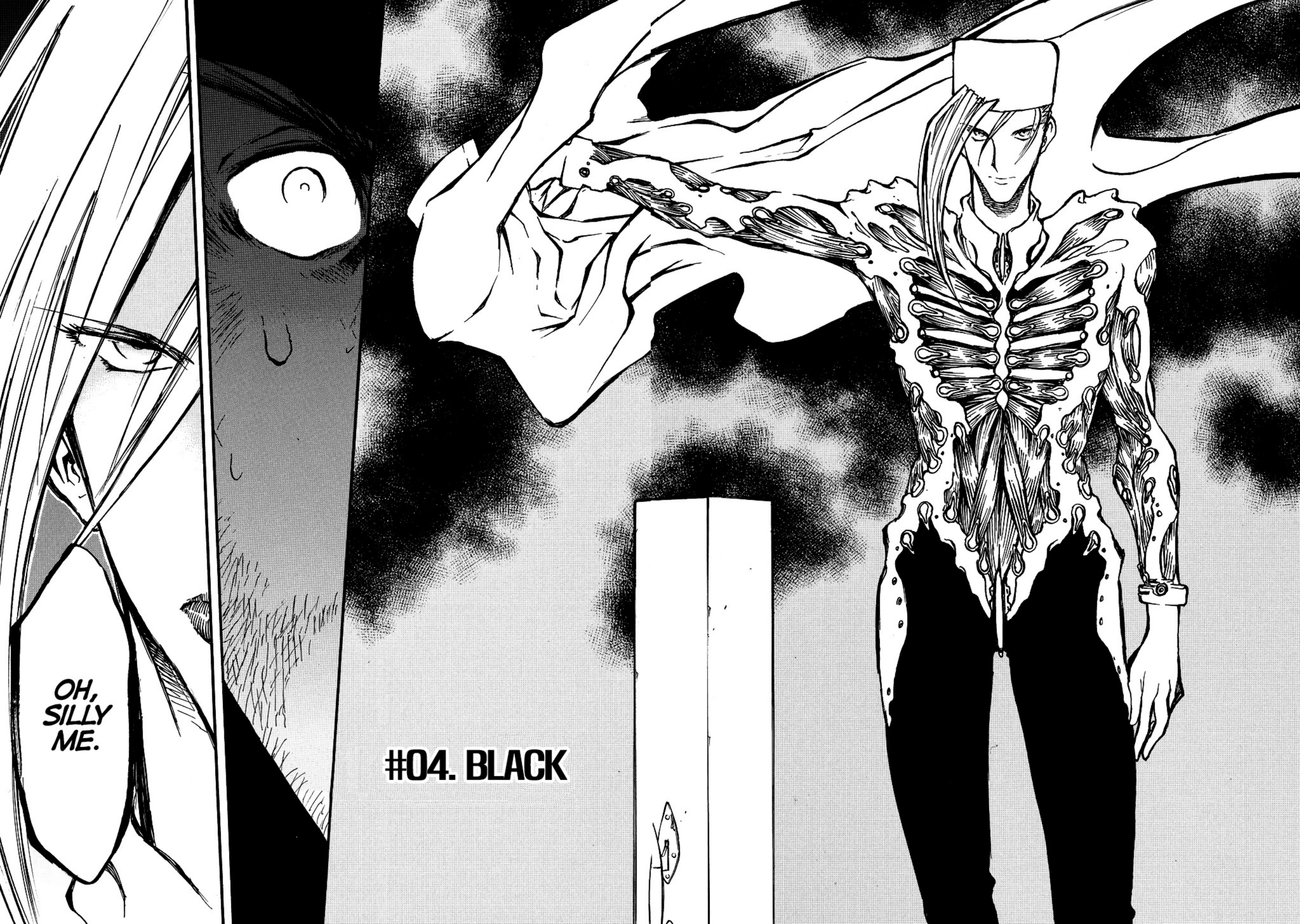
YOU'RE ALL BARK AND NO BITE, AREN'T YOU, BIG BOY?
I GET A LITTLE SERIOUS AND YOU IMMEDIATELY RUN AWAY.



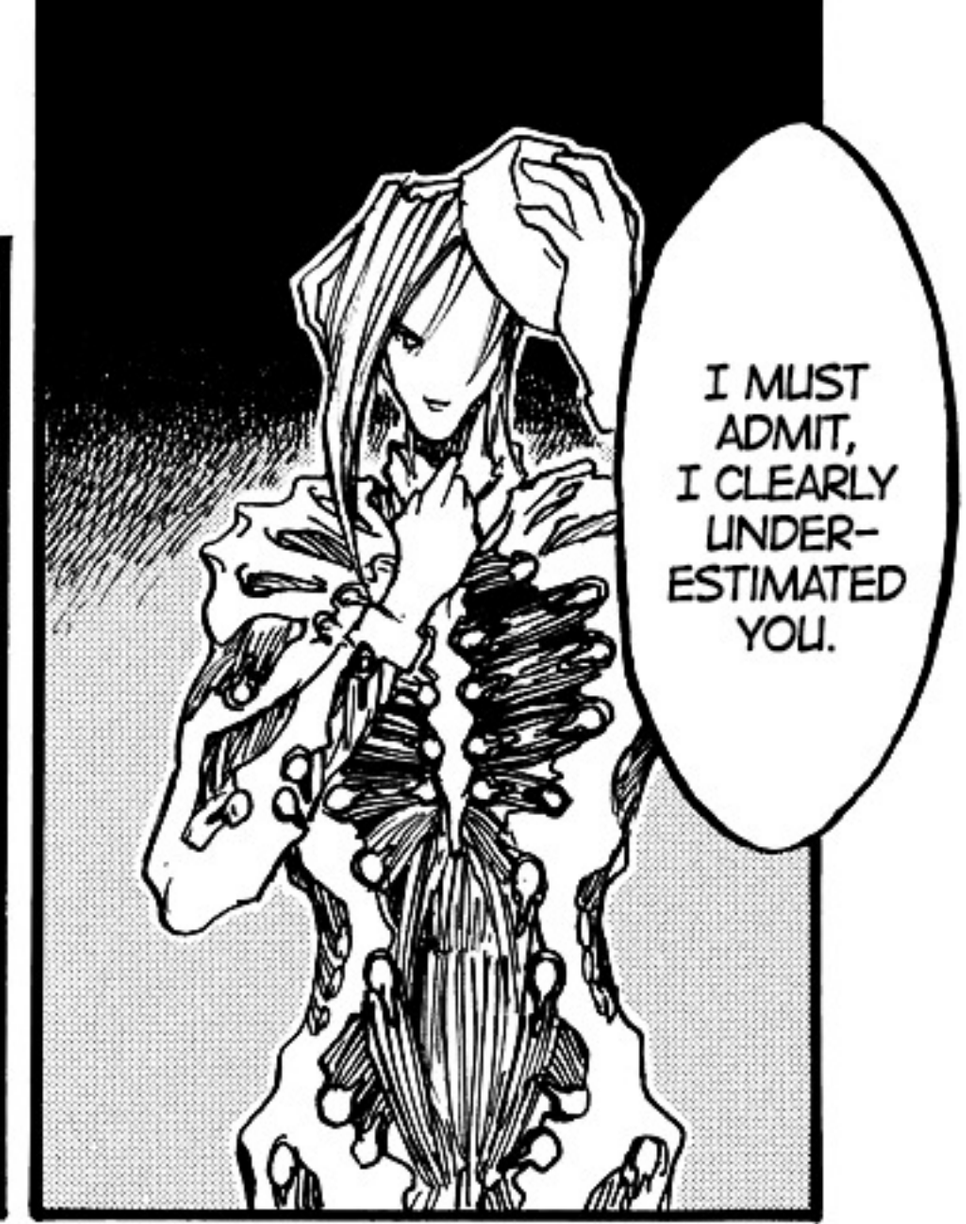


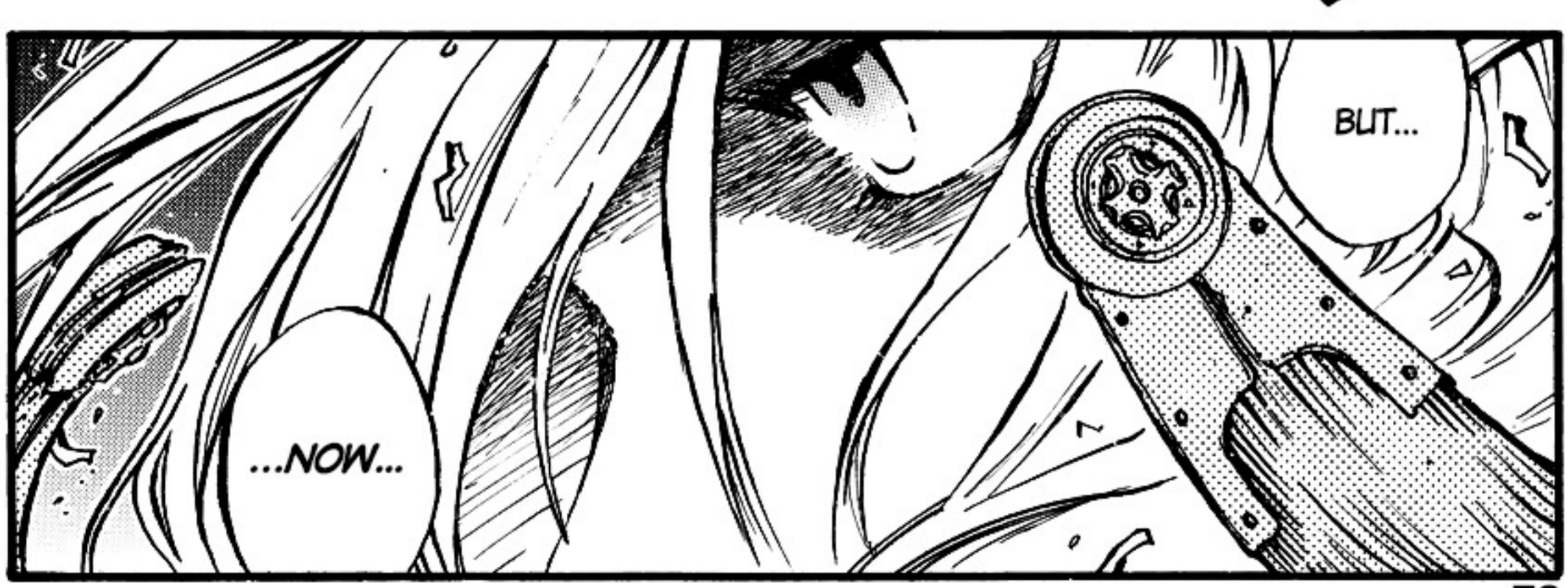
#03. CORPSE FIRE / END

NOW, LET'S GET STARTED.
BY THE WAY, I THINK I'M PRETTY STRONG WHEN I WEAR THESE.
WELL, IT JUST LIFTS MY SPIRITS, YA SEE.


OH, SILLY ME.
#04. BLACK

I APOLOGIZE.


I MUST ADMIT, I CLEARLY UNDER-ESTIMATED YOU.


BUT...
...NOW...

...THERE'S NO MORE HOLDING BACK.

AA AH!
AH!
AAA!

AH AH!
AH!
AA!
AH!
...
...
!!
AH-!

AAAAAAAH!
...
...
SIZZLE

NO!
NO!
NO!
NO!

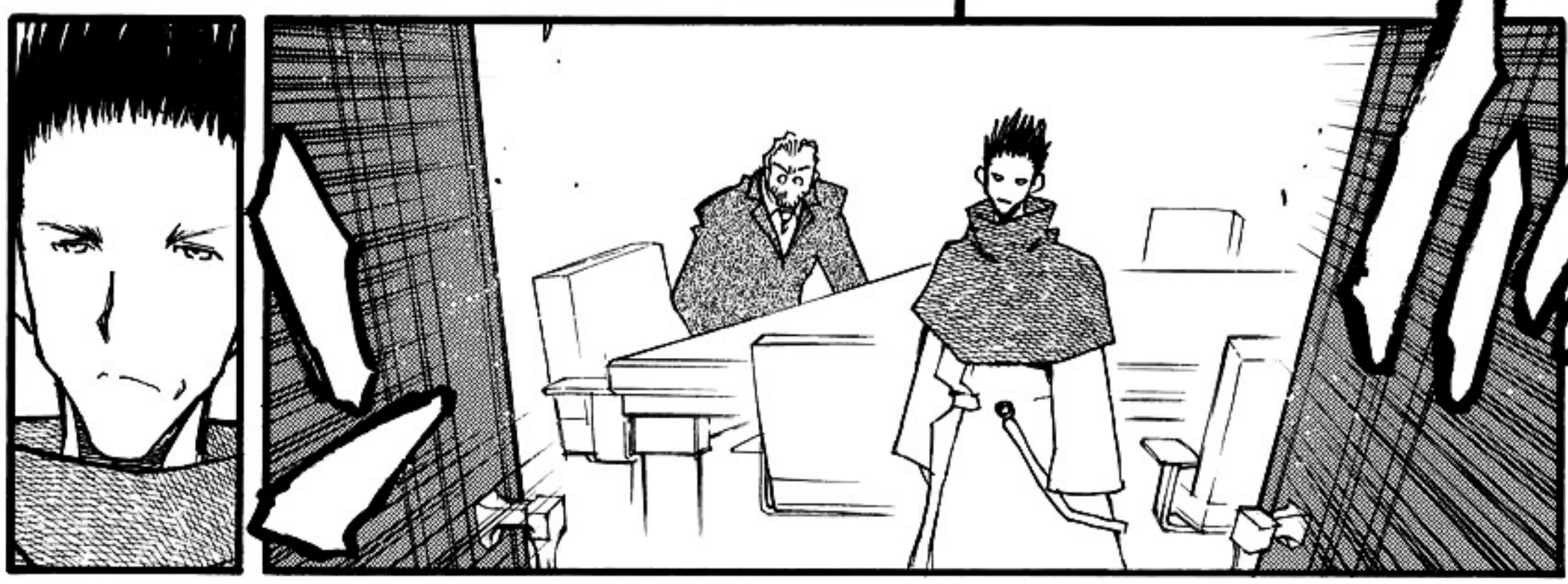
YOU'RE NOT GIVING IT YOUR ALL!
VASH THE STAMPEDE!

THERE IS...
...STILL MORE!

NO MATTER HOW TORN AND RAGGED YOU LOOK...
...STILL MORE POWER LEFT IN YOU!
...THERE IS...

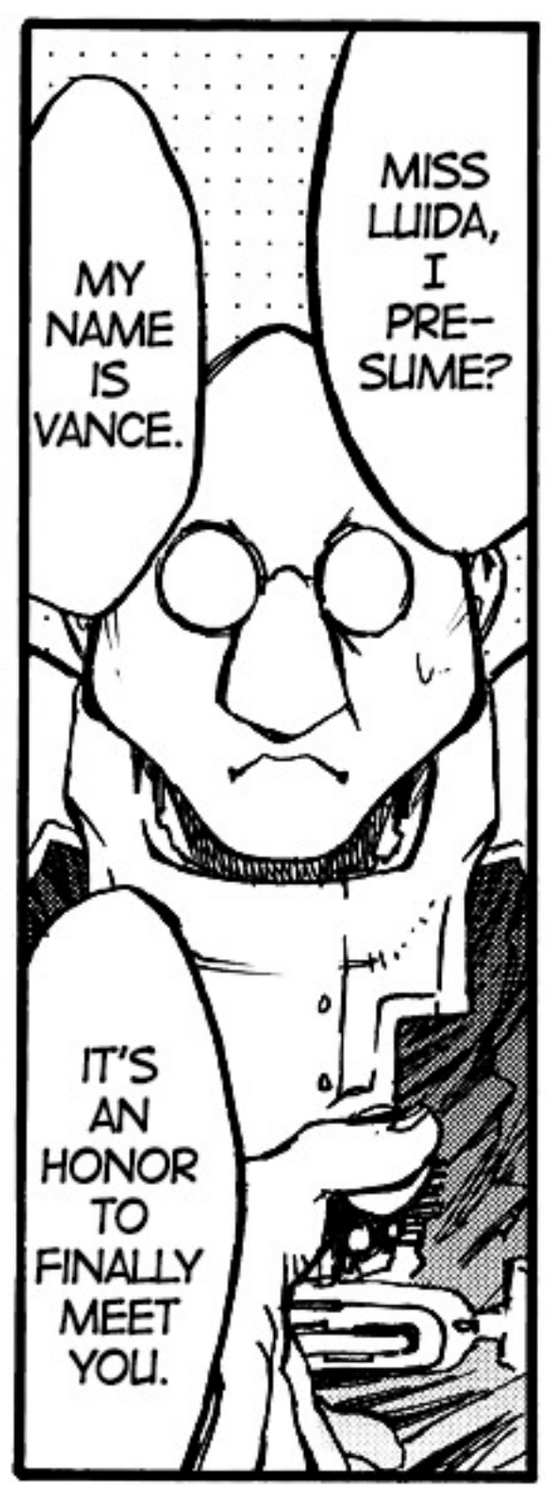
THERE! I SEE PEOPLE.
LIGHTS!
GOOD, PREPARE TO LAND.
OVER THERE, ABOVE THE CITY! THAT LOOKS LIKE A LANDING PLATFORM.
HEY, YOU! ON THE PLATFORM, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
?!
HUH?
WHAT?

WE POSE NO THREAT TO YOU, SO DON'T BE ALARMED. WE'LL DIS-ENGAGE THE OPTICAL CAMOU-FLAGE NOW.
?
WE'LL DISENGAGE THE CLOAKING NOW.
THE FLEET FROM EARTH.
WE'RE PART OF "PIECES OF EARTH"...
??
GAH AAA AA!!
I MUST SPEAK WITH THE PERSON IN CHARGE... MISS LUIDA?
BUT THE SITUATION IS *URGENT*.
I APOLO-GIZE.
...
...
AA AA AA



YOU WERE THE ONES WHO TOOK THE FIRST SHOT?!
IS THE ARK THAT MUCH OF A THREAT?
WHAT IS THE SHIP ABOVE US PLANNING?

ORIGINALLY, THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MORE OF A CEREMONIAL FIRST EN-COUN-TER...
...
...BUT WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.


MISS LUIDA, I PRE-SUME?
MY NAME IS VANCE.
IT'S AN HONOR TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

YES, SIR.
LEISAM.
BEGIN THE PRESEN-TATION.
PLEASE, ONE MOMENT...
BEEP

THOSE ARE ALL... PLANTS...

...

...

...

...

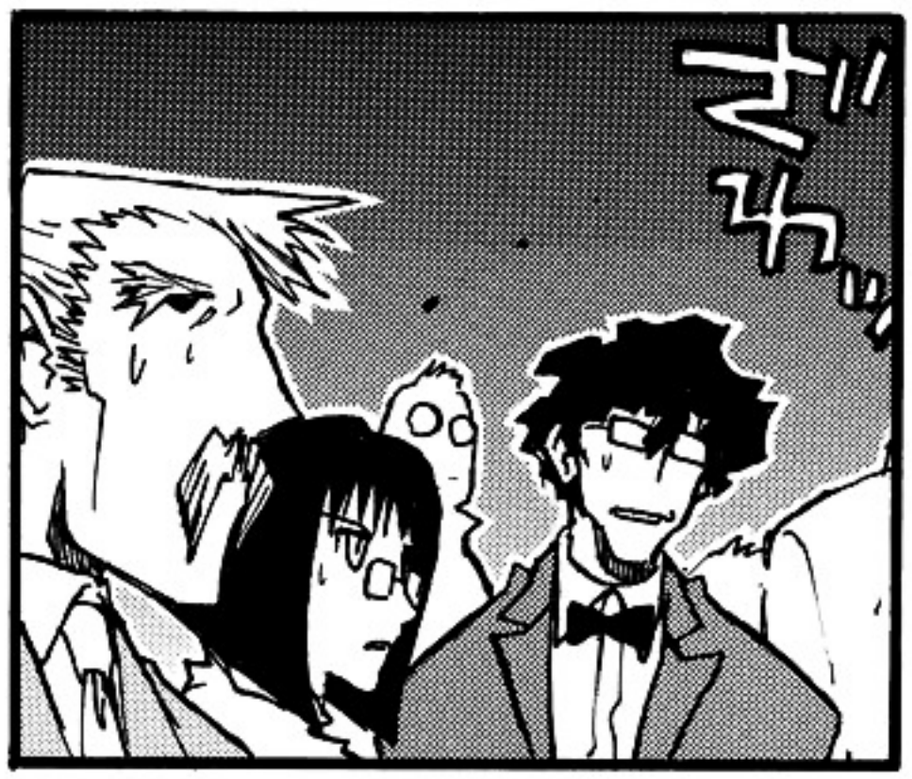
THIS IS OUR CURRENT SITUATION.

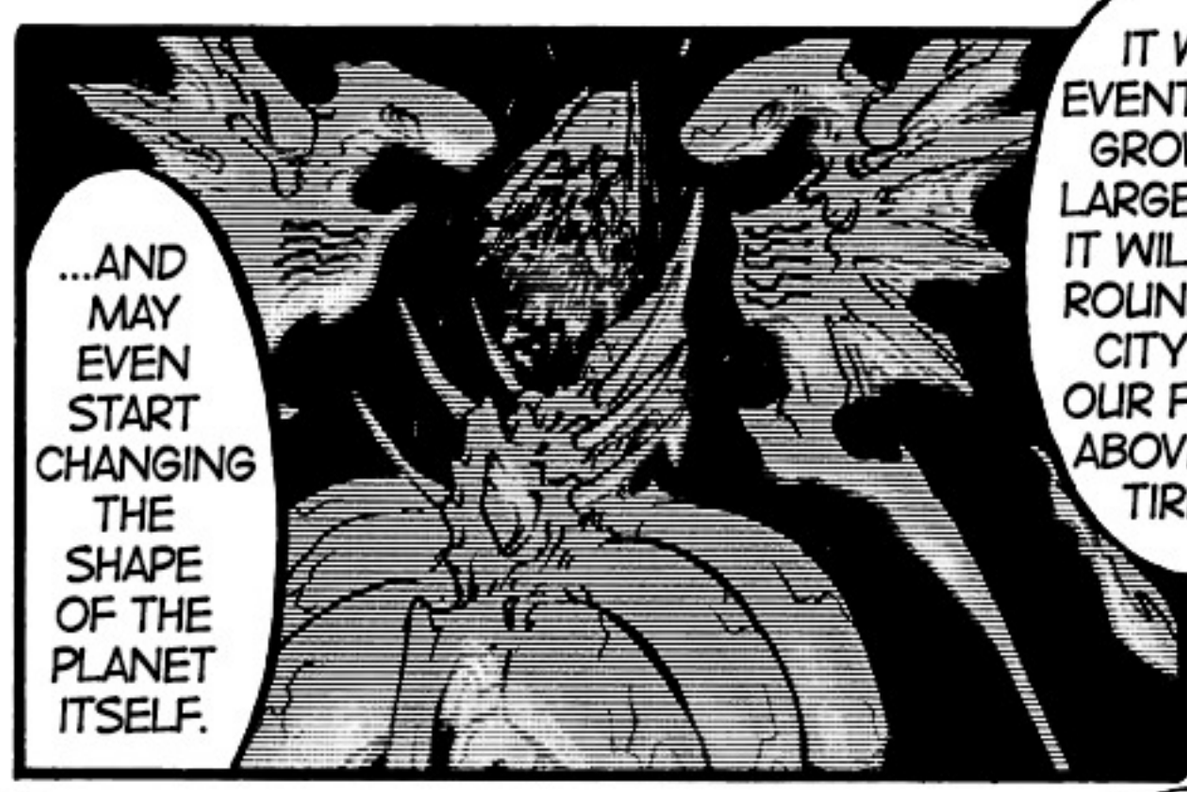
ITS DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL IS EQUIVALENT TO THIRTEEN OF OUR HEAVY DESTROYER WARSHIPS.

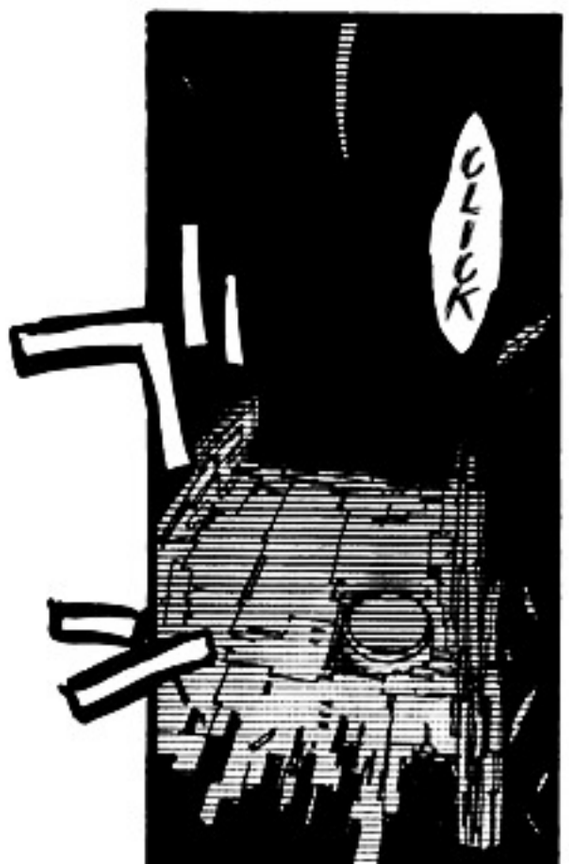
BUT WE'VE *NEVER* OBSERVED ONE THIS BIG BEFORE.

WE CALL IT A *FUSED ENTITY.*

YOU'RE SAYING IT'S *ENTIRELY* A CONCENTRATION OF WHAT POWERS AND KEEPS MOST OF THIS PLANET ALIVE?

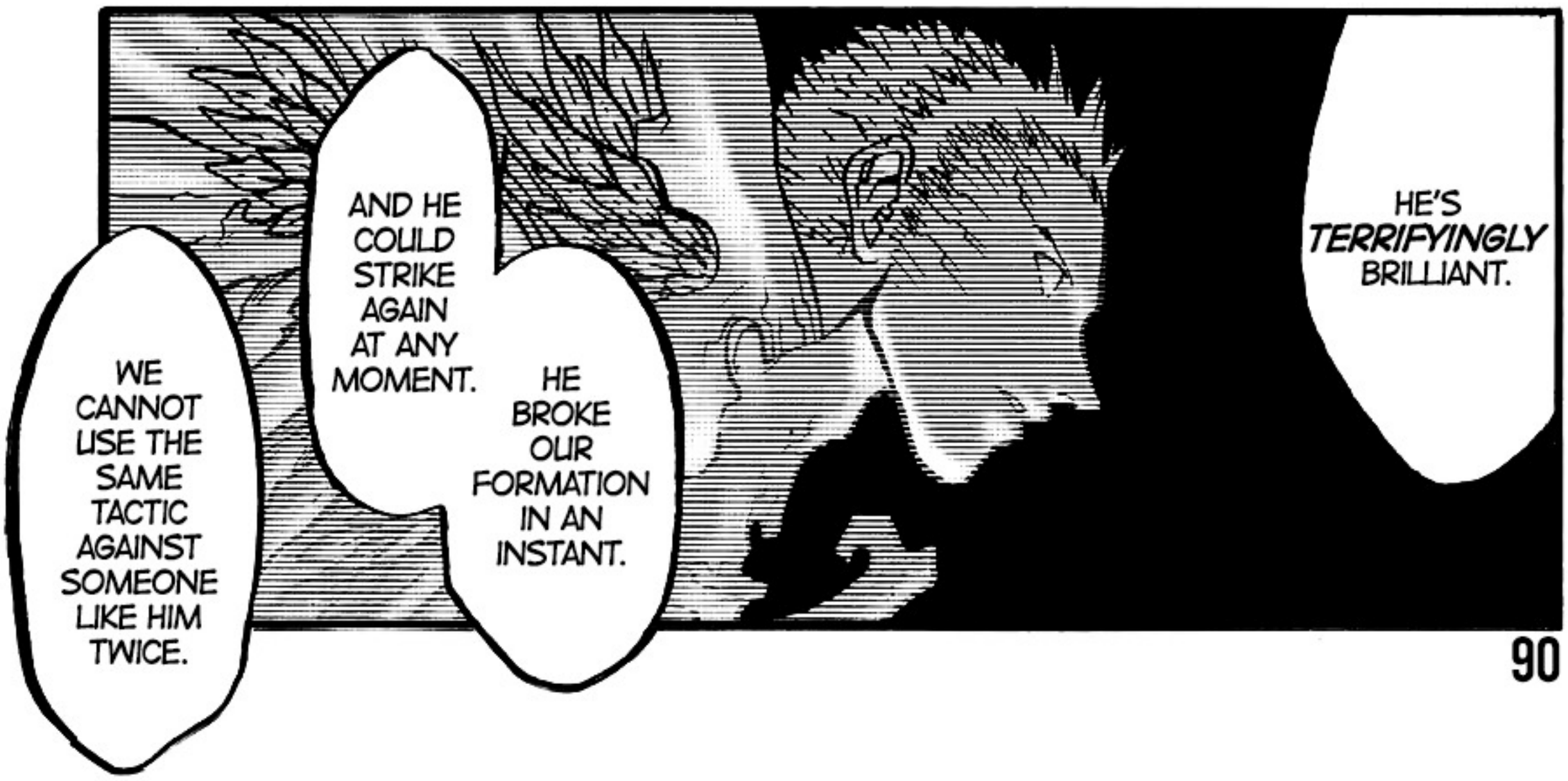


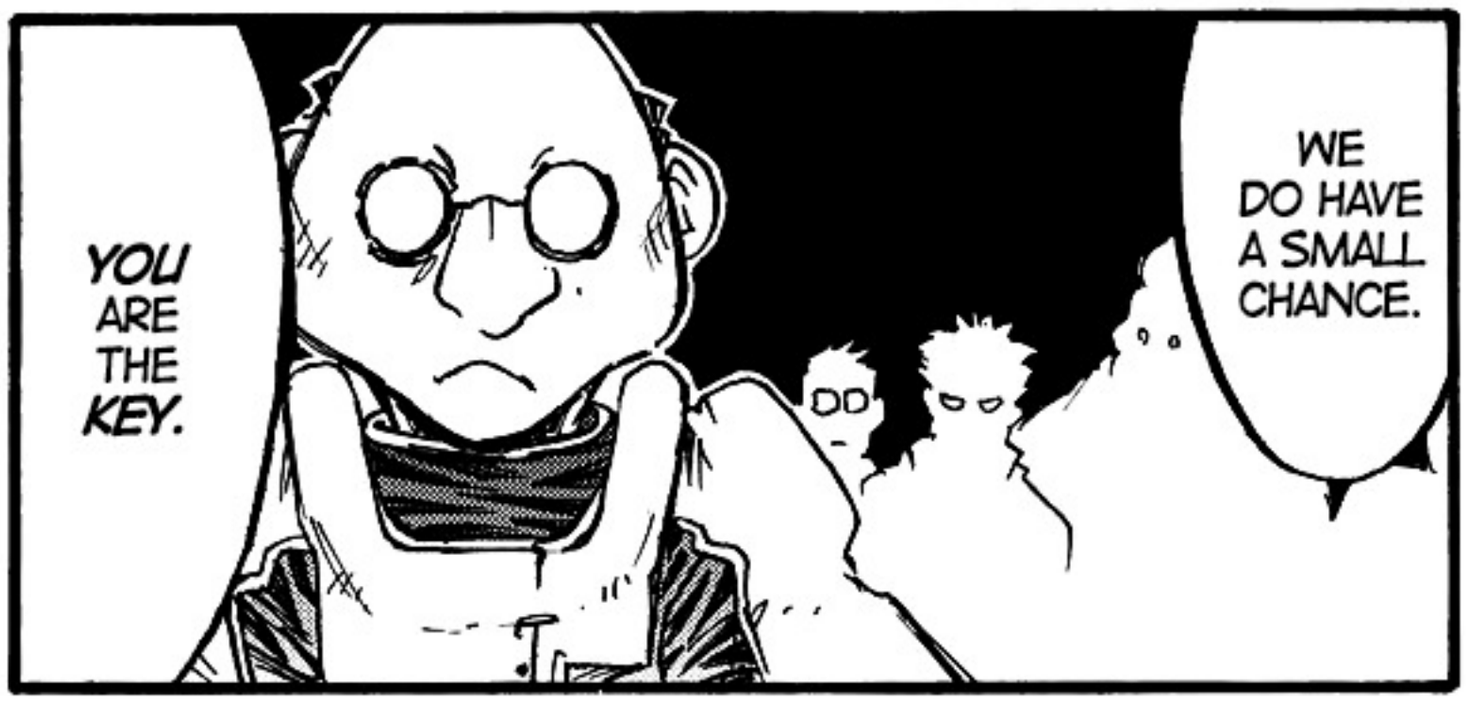




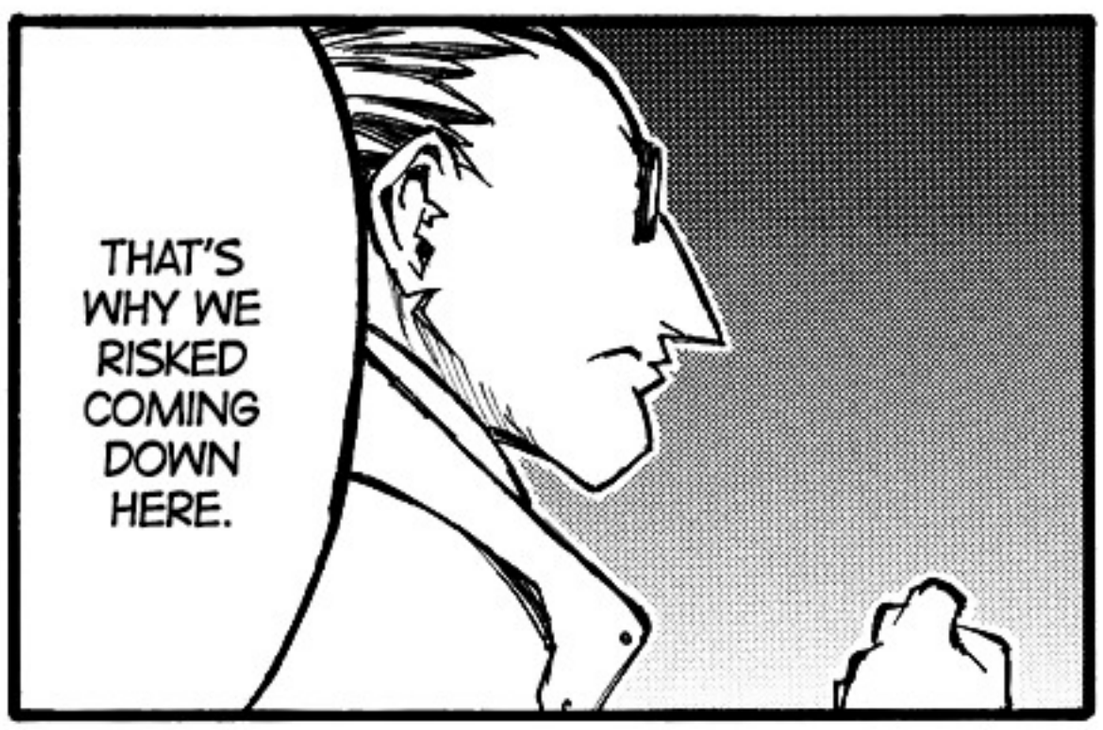
THIS GIANT MASS OF ENERGY...

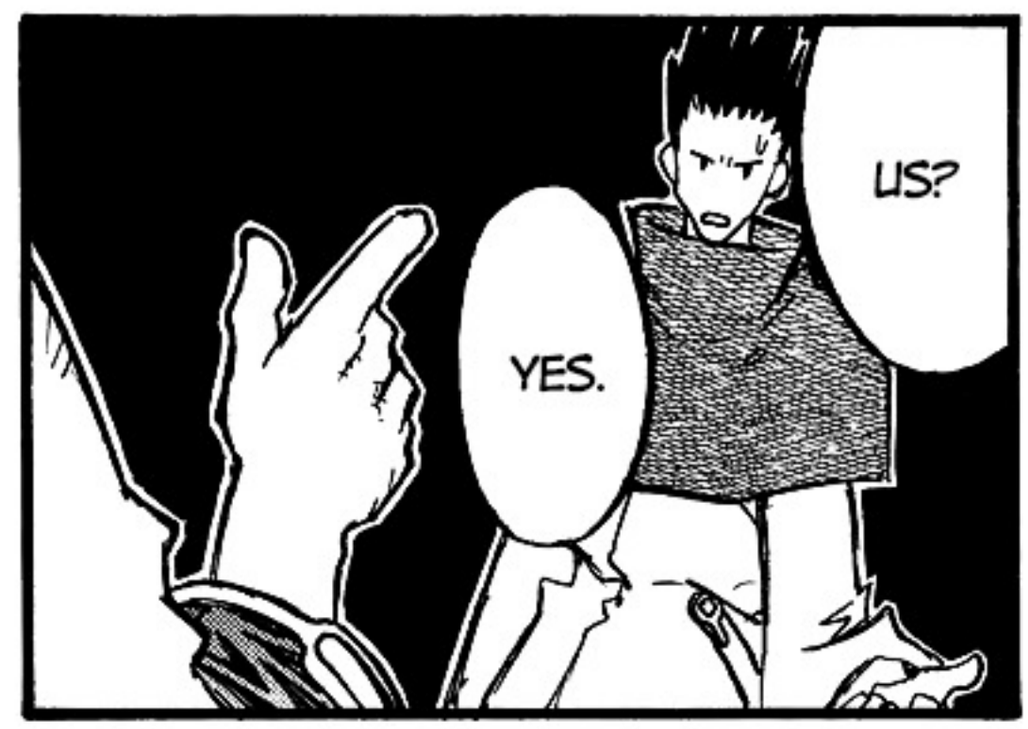
...IS BEING CONTROLLED BY A *SINGLE WILL.*



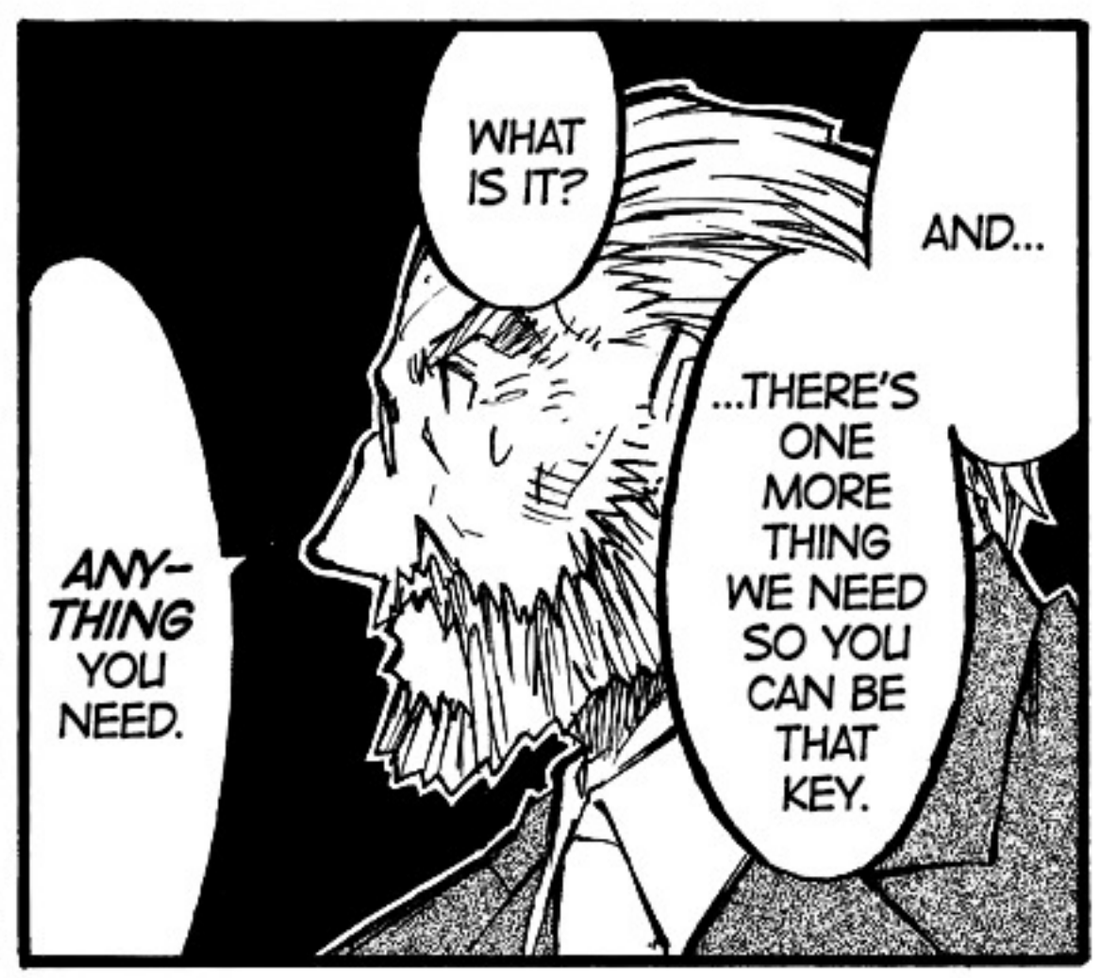

YOU ARE THE KEY.
WE DO HAVE A SMALL CHANCE.

IS THERE NOTHING WE CAN DO, IS THERE NO CHANCE?

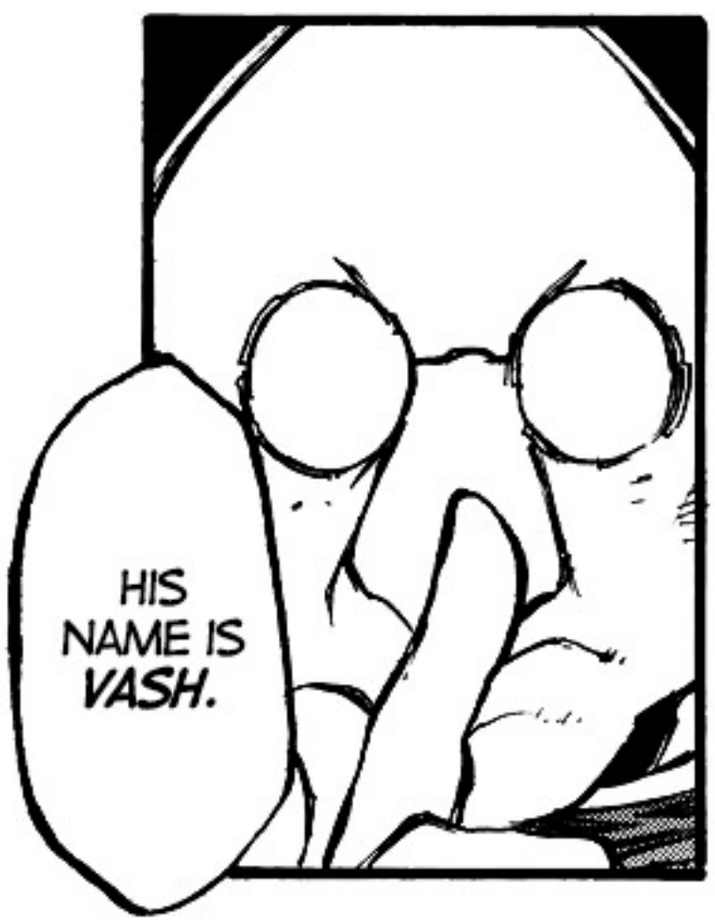

THAT'S WHY WE RISKED COMING DOWN HERE.

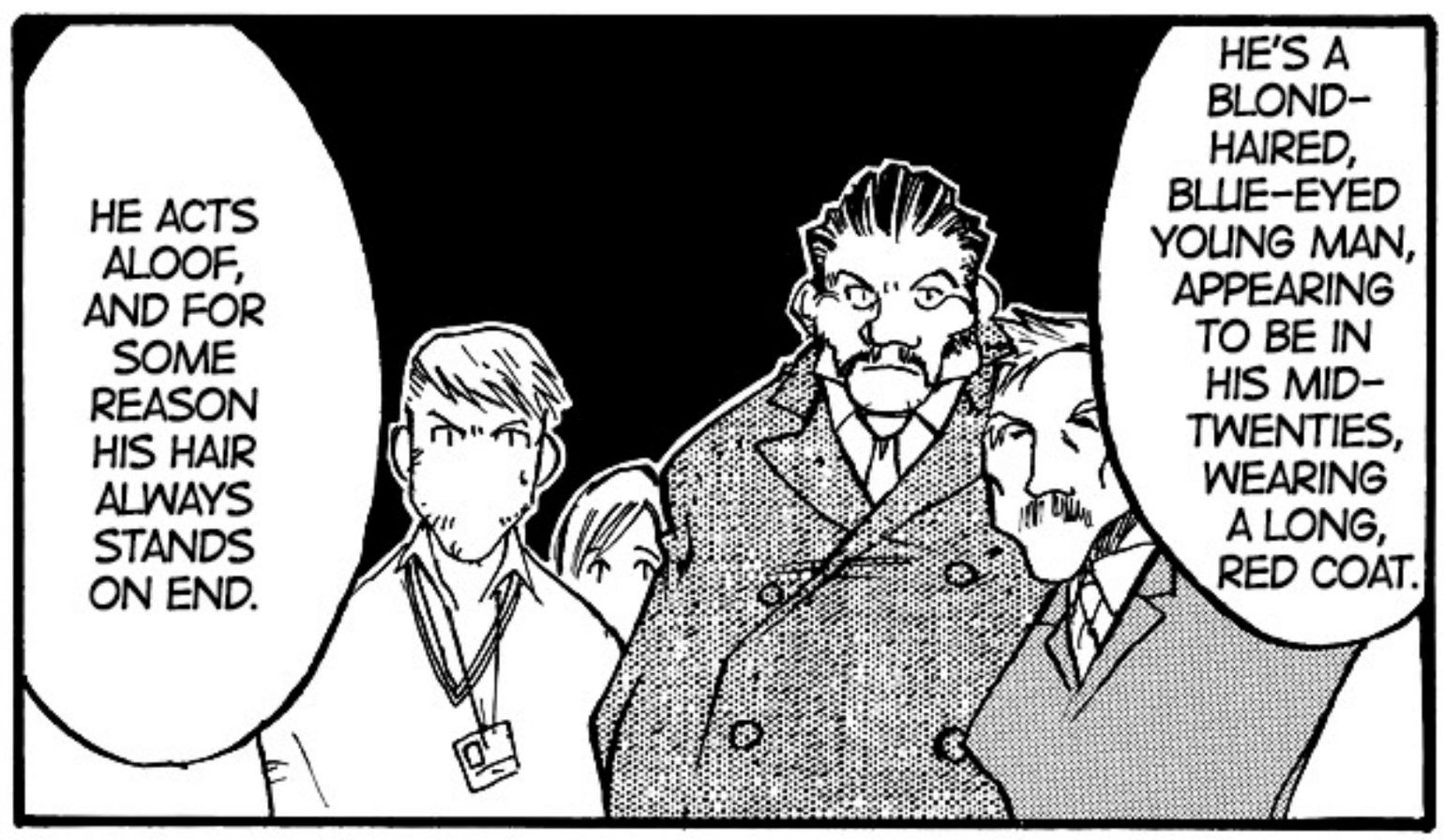

US?
YES.

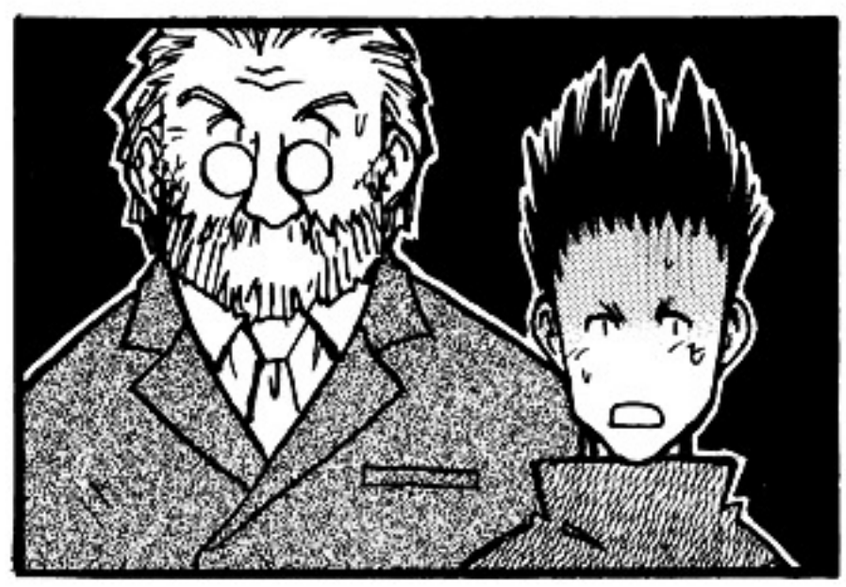
WE NEED YOU TO FIND A SPECIFIC MAN.
HE'S ON THIS PLANET SOMEWHERE.

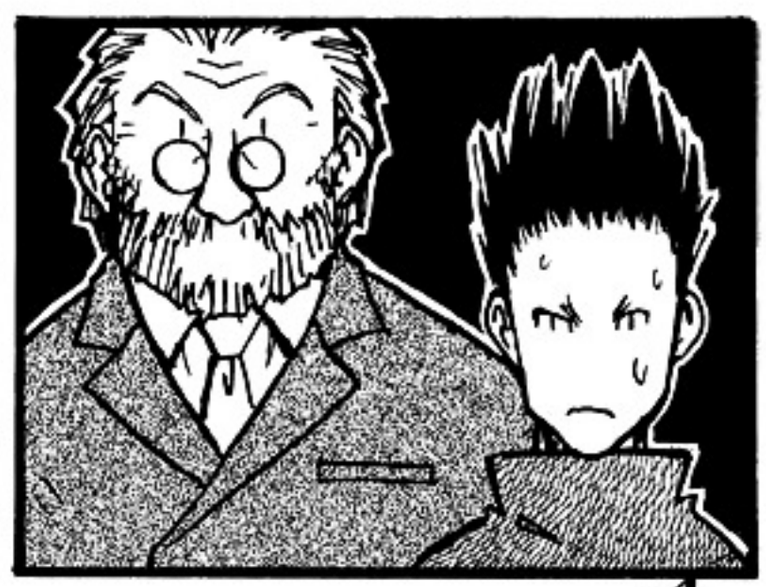

WHAT IS IT?
AND...
...THERE'S ONE MORE THING WE NEED SO YOU CAN BE THAT KEY.
ANY-THING YOU NEED.

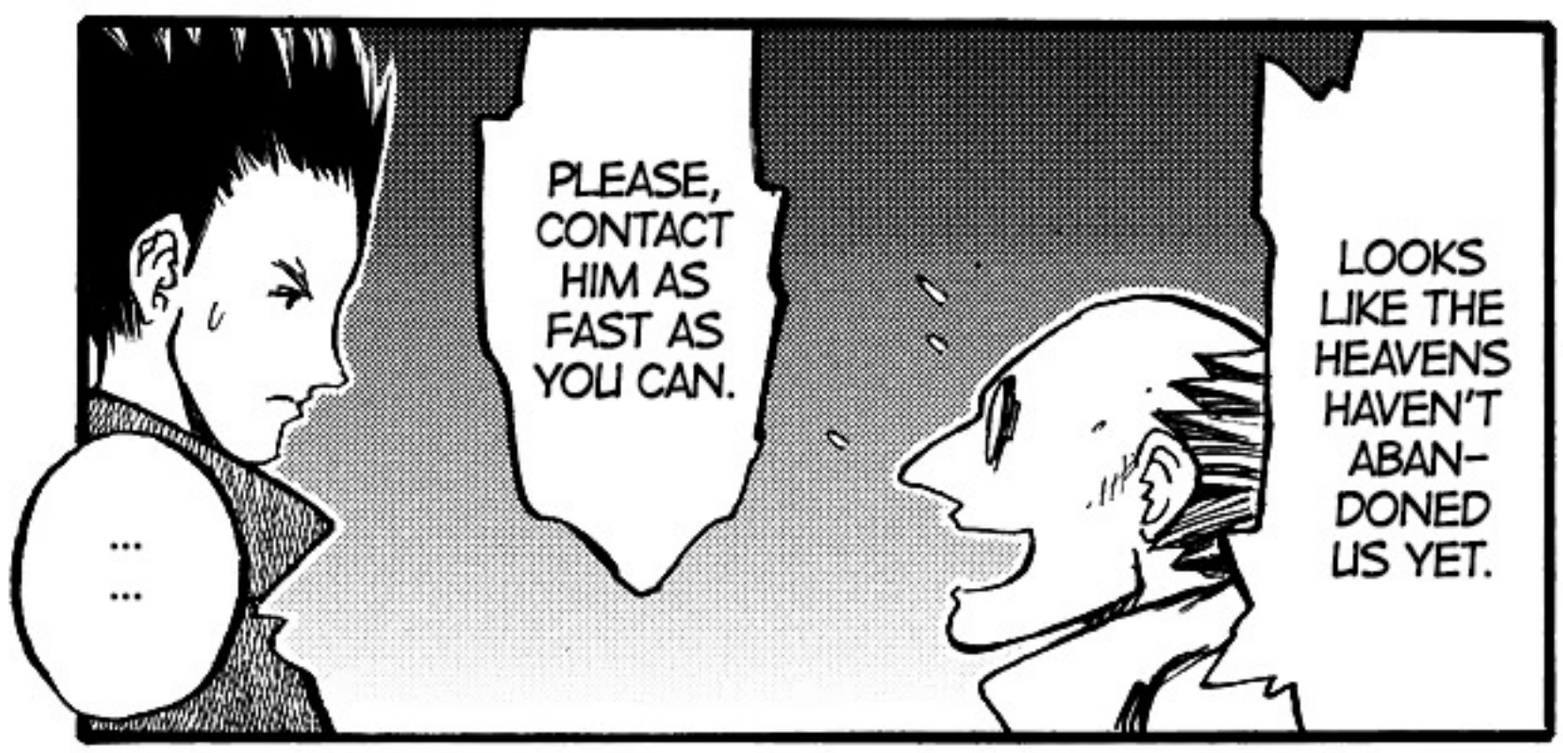
HE'S A VERY SPECIAL PERSON, AND GIVEN THE CIRCUM-STANCES, HE MIGHT BE HOLED UP HERE IN THIS CITY.
...
...
ON THE PLANET ...
...SOME-WHERE...?


HIS NAME IS VASH.


HE ACTS ALOOF, AND FOR SOME REASON HIS HAIR ALWAYS STANDS ON END.
HE'S A BLOND-HAIRED, BLUE-EYED YOUNG MAN, APPEARING TO BE IN HIS MID-TWENTIES, WEARING A LONG, RED COAT.



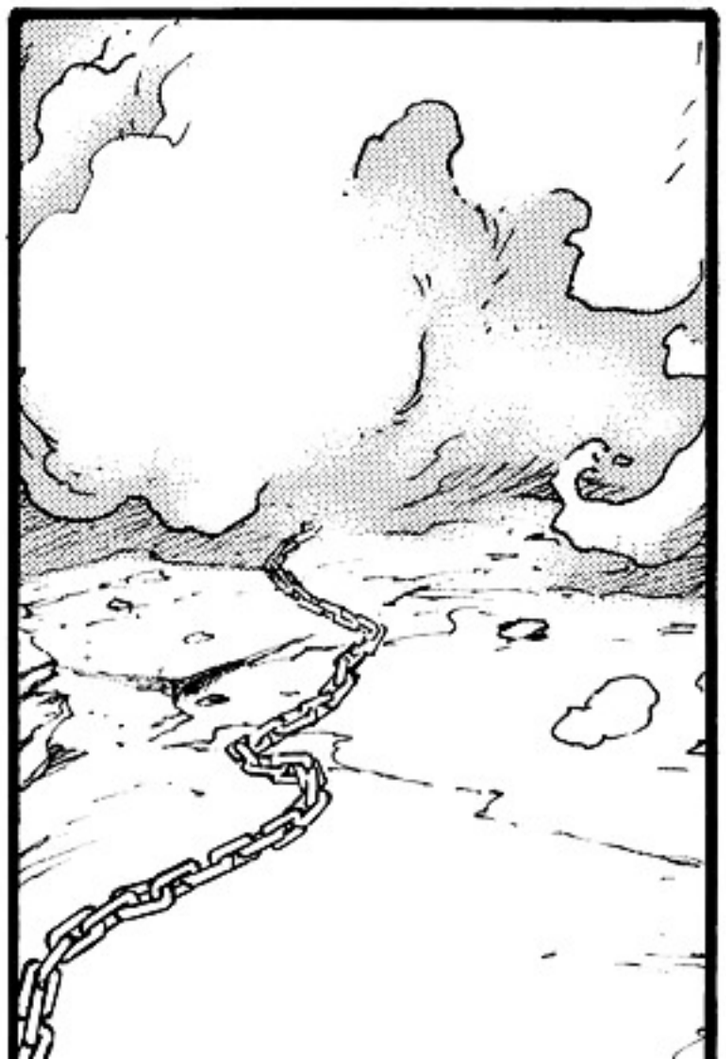


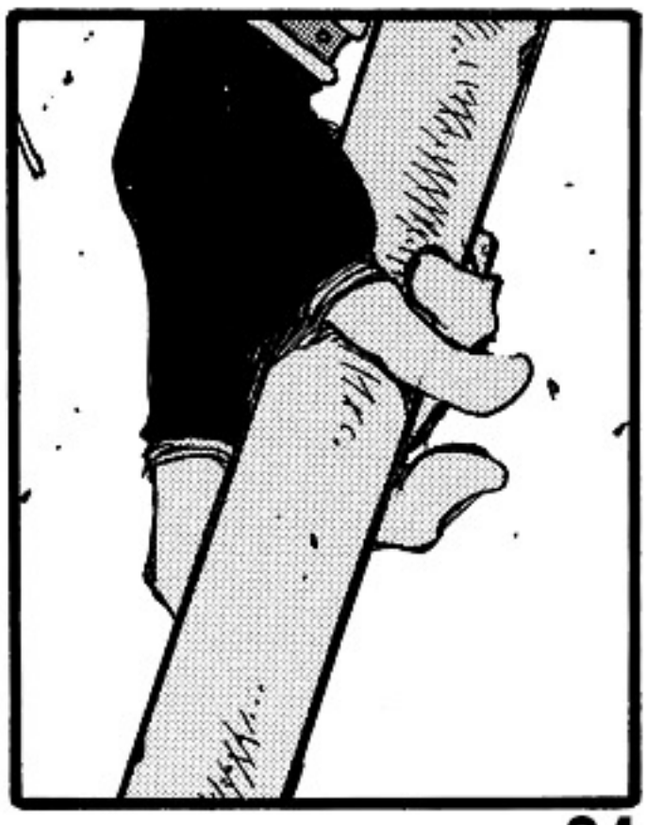

PLEASE, CONTACT HIM AS FAST AS YOU CAN.
LOOKS LIKE THE HEAVENS HAVEN'T ABAN-DONED US YET.
...
...

AH!

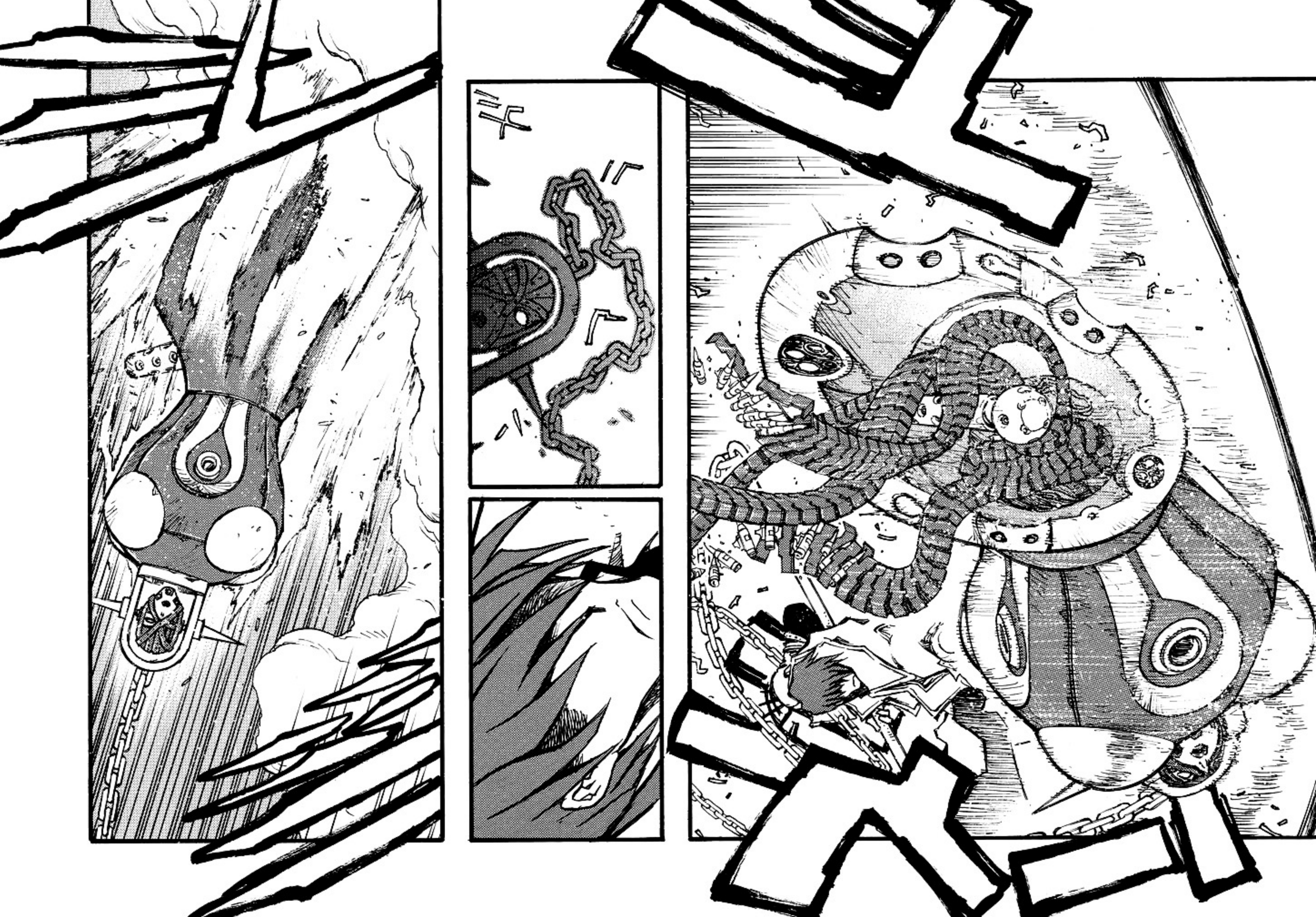
...ON THE SHIP WRECK...
HE IS FAR ABOVE US...
...?
I... CANNOT...

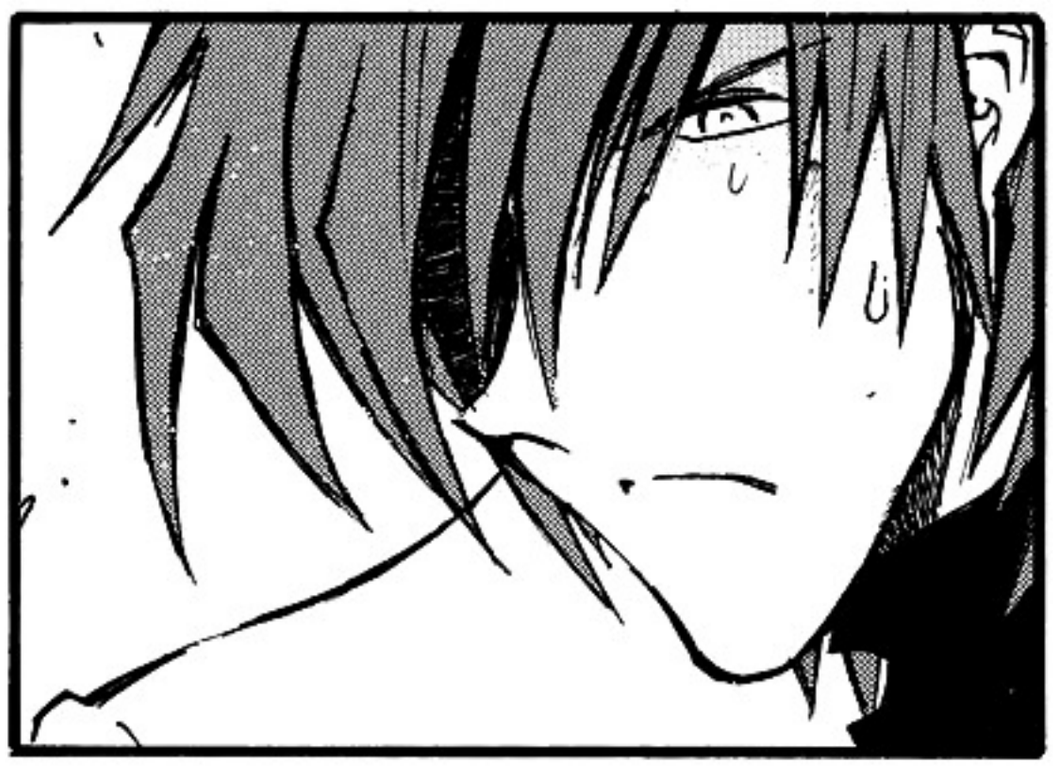
...IN THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE YOU COULD BE...
...FIGHTING ALONE...

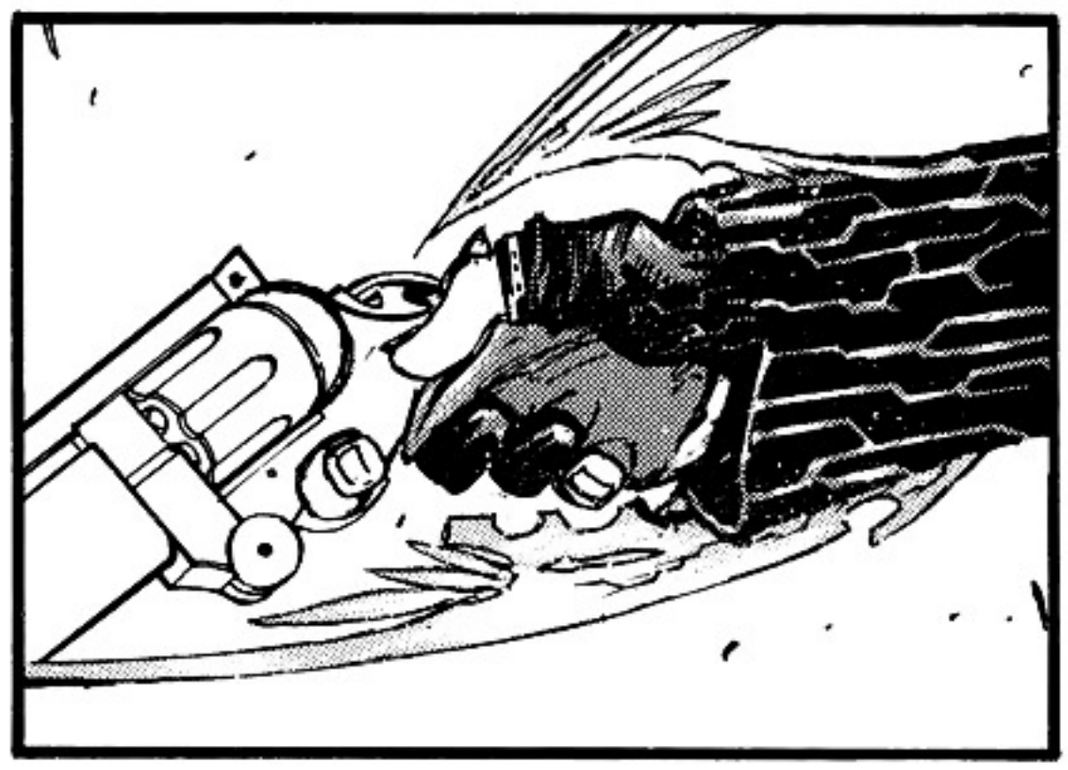


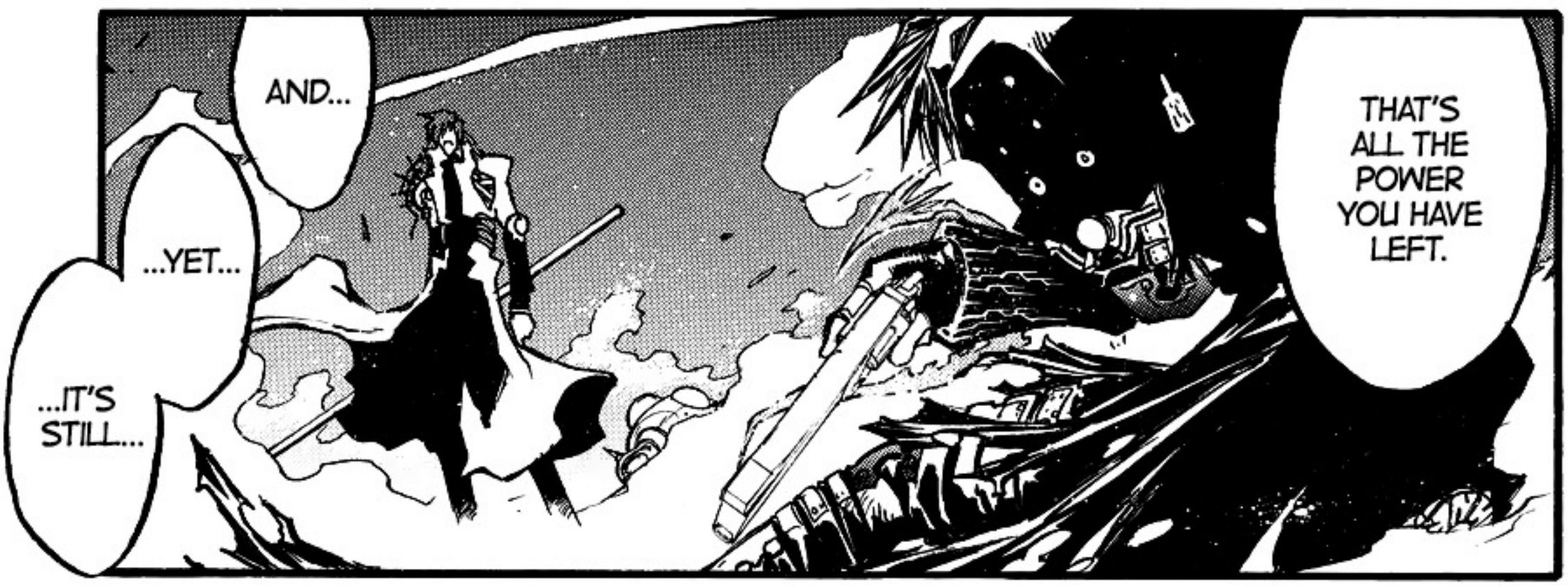


...THIS IS IT.
YES...



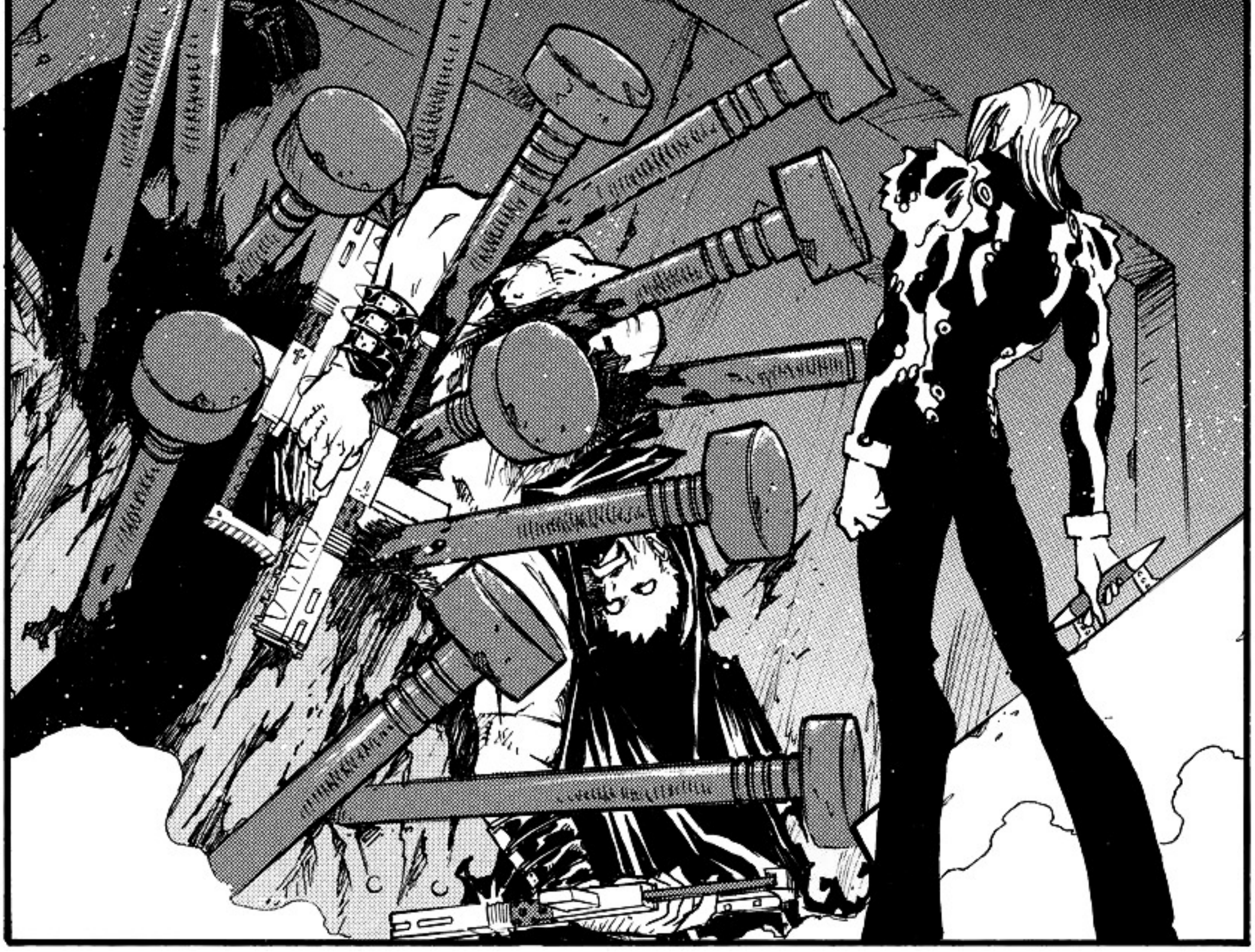


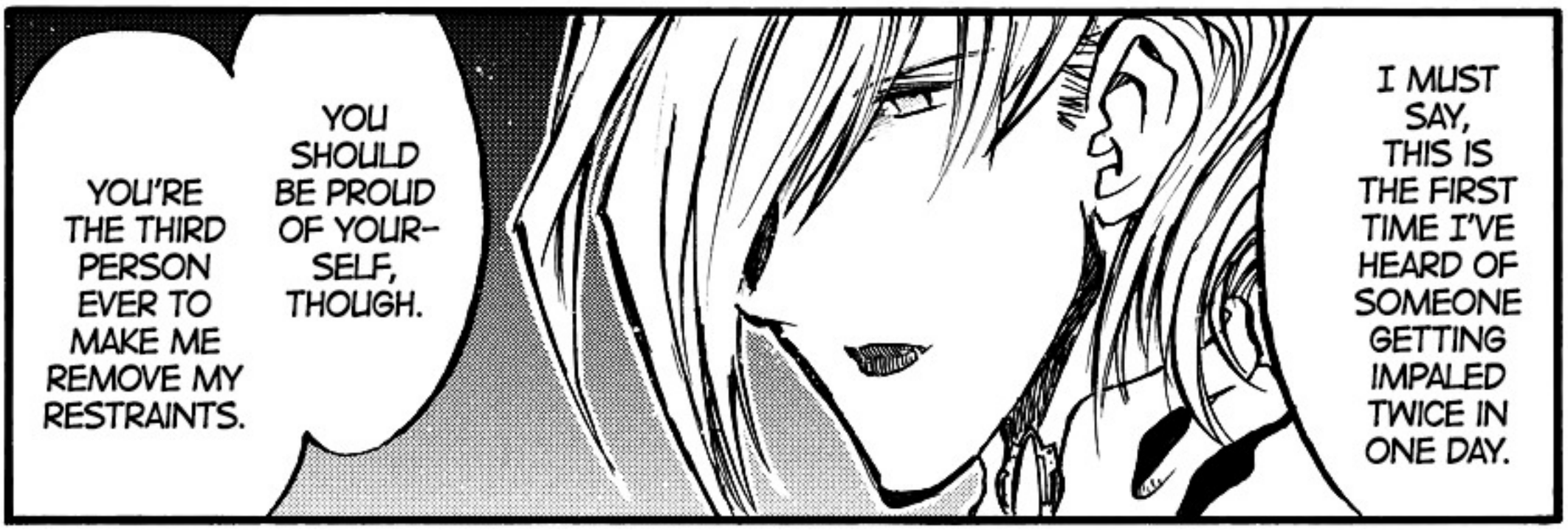


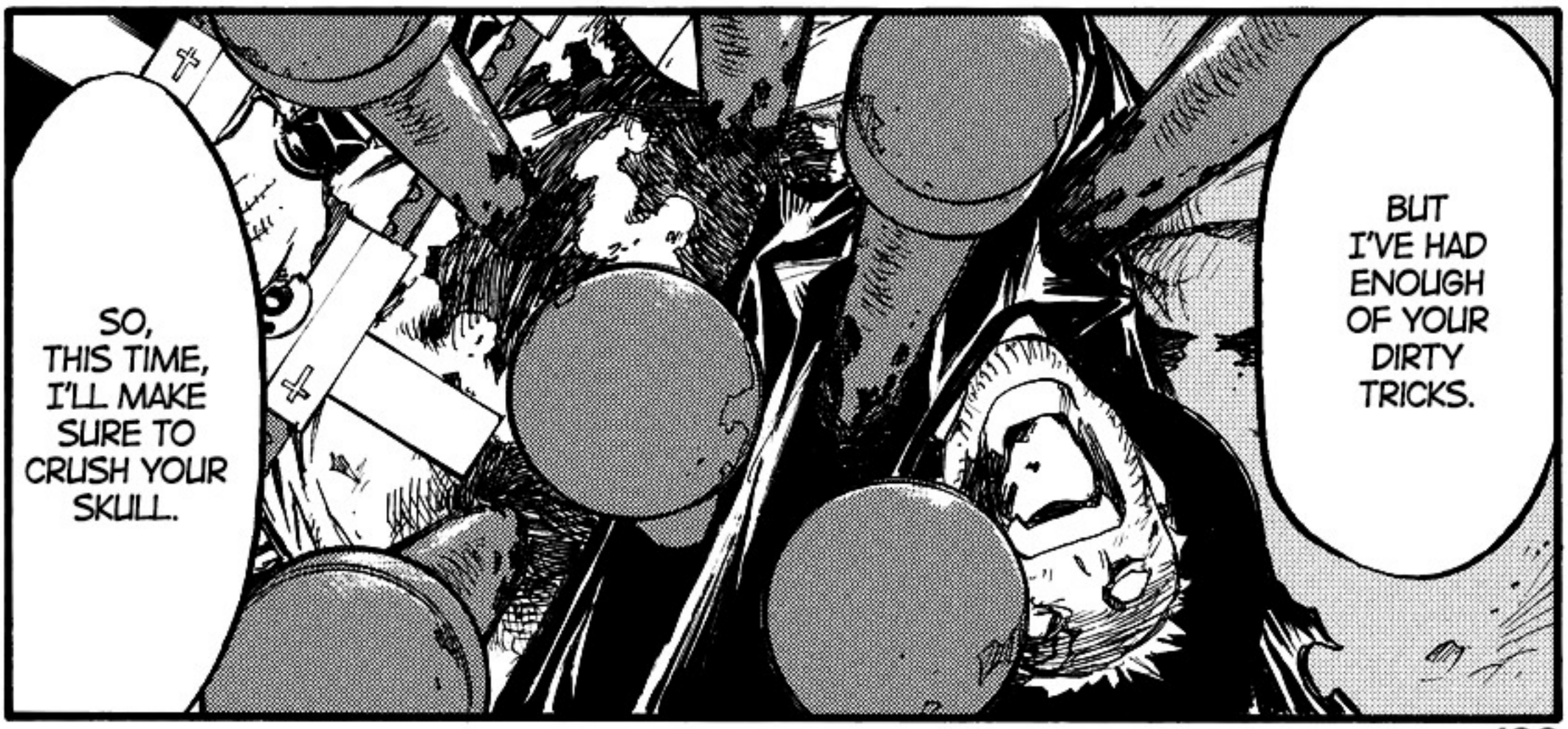

AND...
...YET...
...IT'S STILL...
THAT'S ALL THE POWER YOU HAVE LEFT.

...A REAL THREAT.
...ENOUGH TO BE...

CHNK




YOU'RE THE THIRD PERSON EVER TO MAKE ME REMOVE MY RESTRAINTS.
YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR-SELF, THOUGH.
I MUST SAY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE HEARD OF SOMEONE GETTING IMPALED TWICE IN ONE DAY.


SO, THIS TIME, I'LL MAKE SURE TO CRUSH YOUR SKULL.
BUT I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR DIRTY TRICKS.

WHO MIGHT *YOU* BE?
...
...
WHAT...
...WAS THAT?

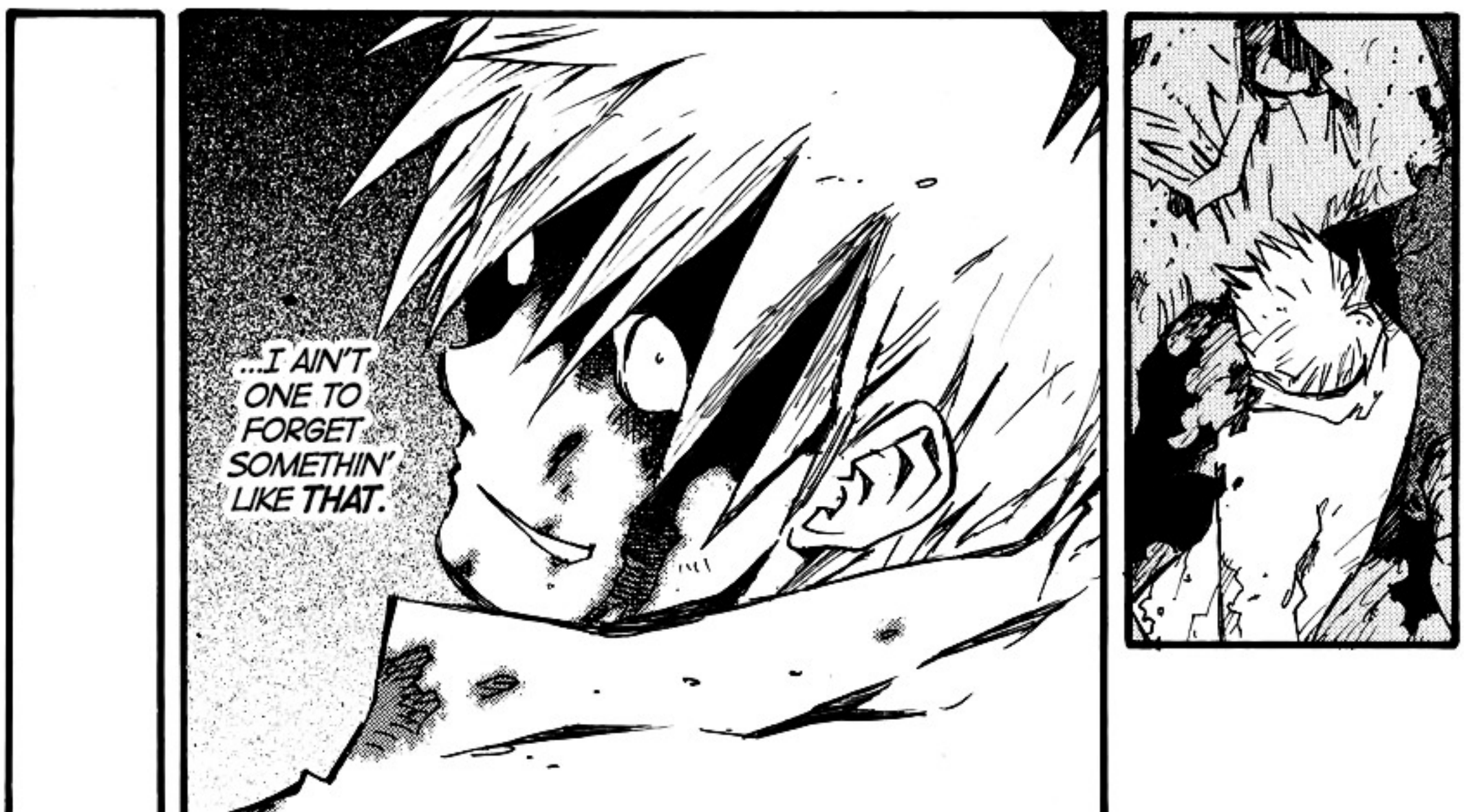
YA FUCKIN' MORON, LIVIO... WHADDAYA TRYIN' TO DO? KILL ME?

#04. BLACK / END

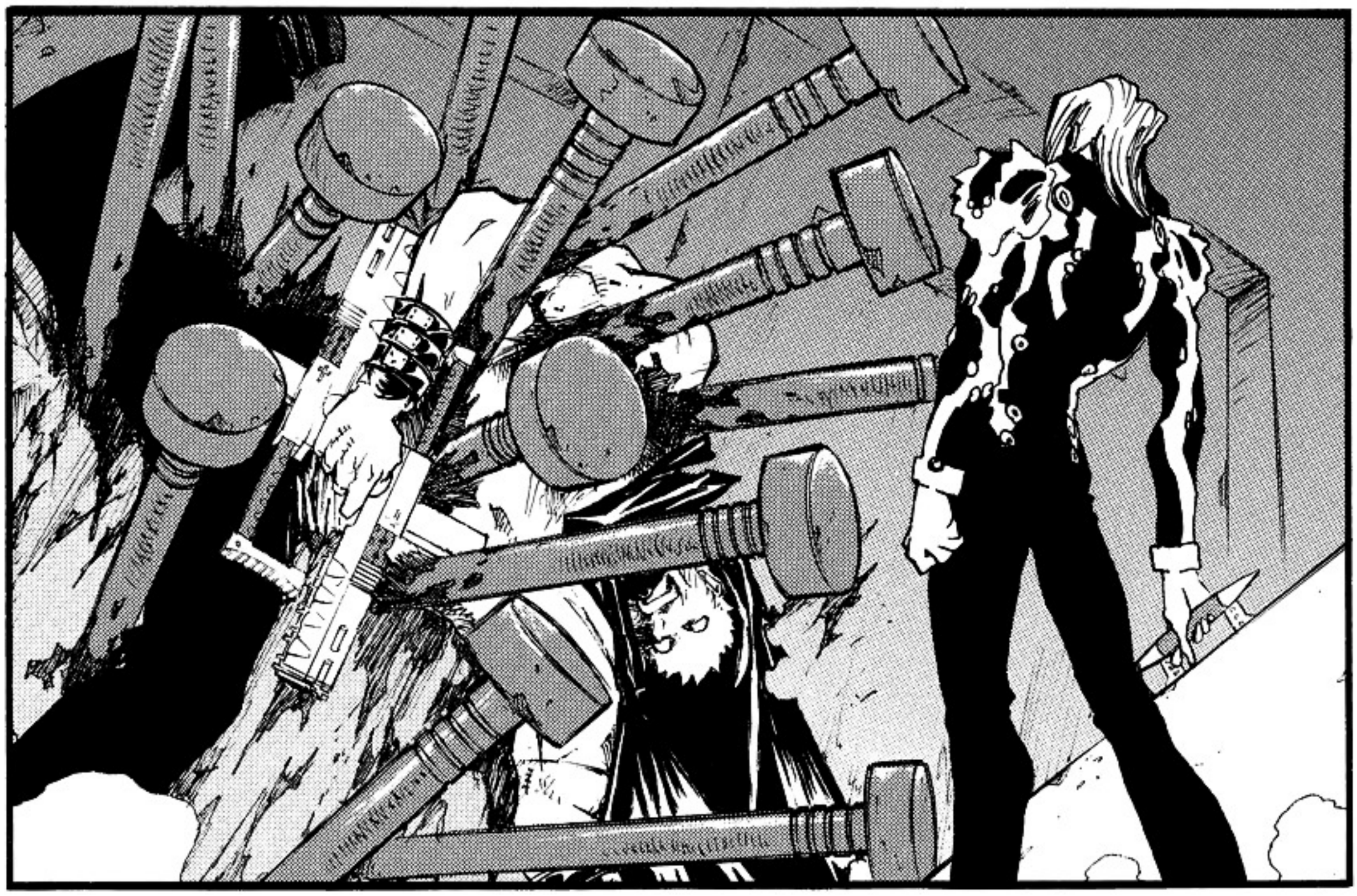
#05. BATTLE OF THE MYSTICS

I OWE YA ONE HELL OF A DEBT.

MAYBE YA DON'T CARE, BUT...



YA FUCKIN' MORON, LIVIO...



WHADDAYA TRYIN' TO DO? KILL ME?

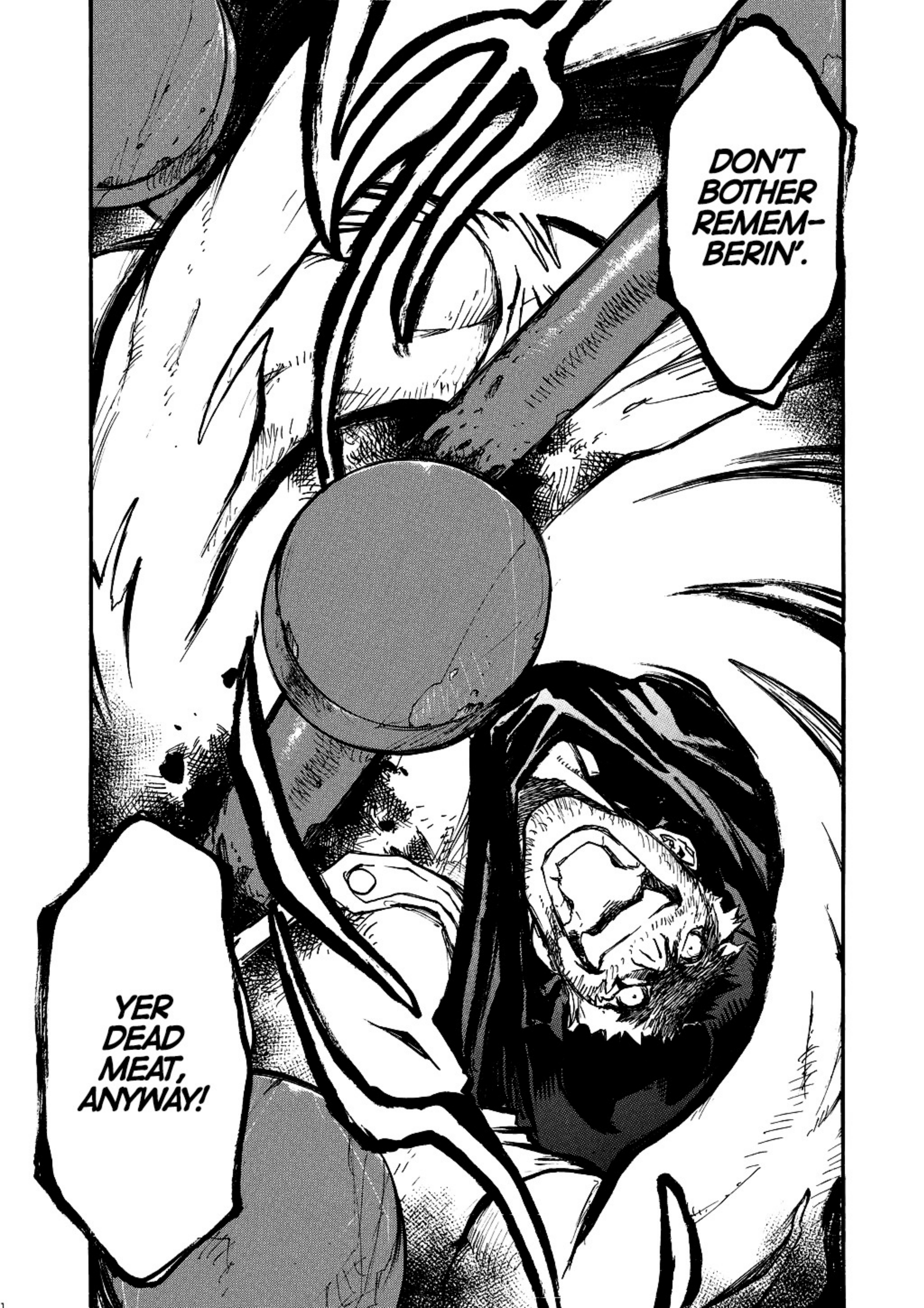
WHO MIGHT *YOU* BE?

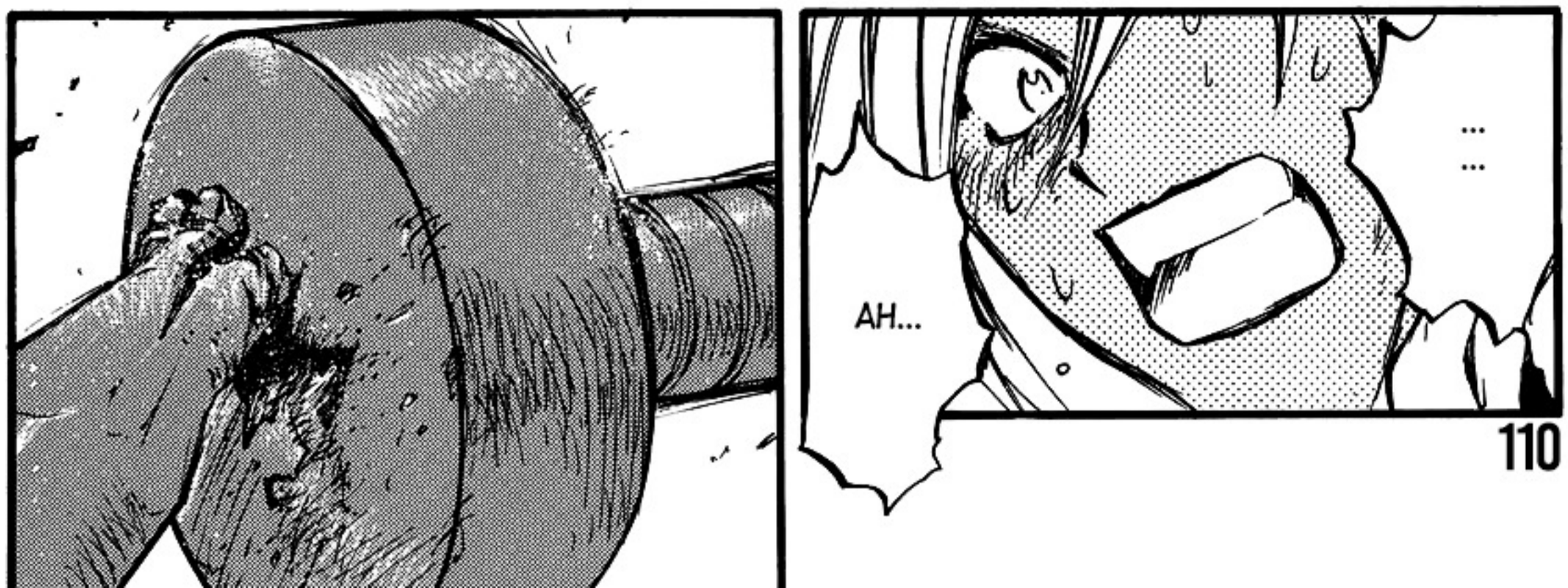
AH, I SEE.

...LET'S JUST SKIP TO THE *GOOD* PART.

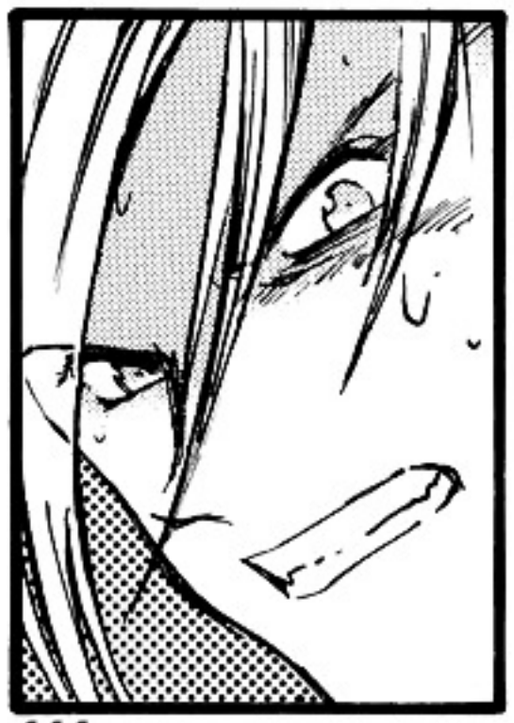
YOU'RE THE *TRI-P OF DEATH,* AREN'T YOU?

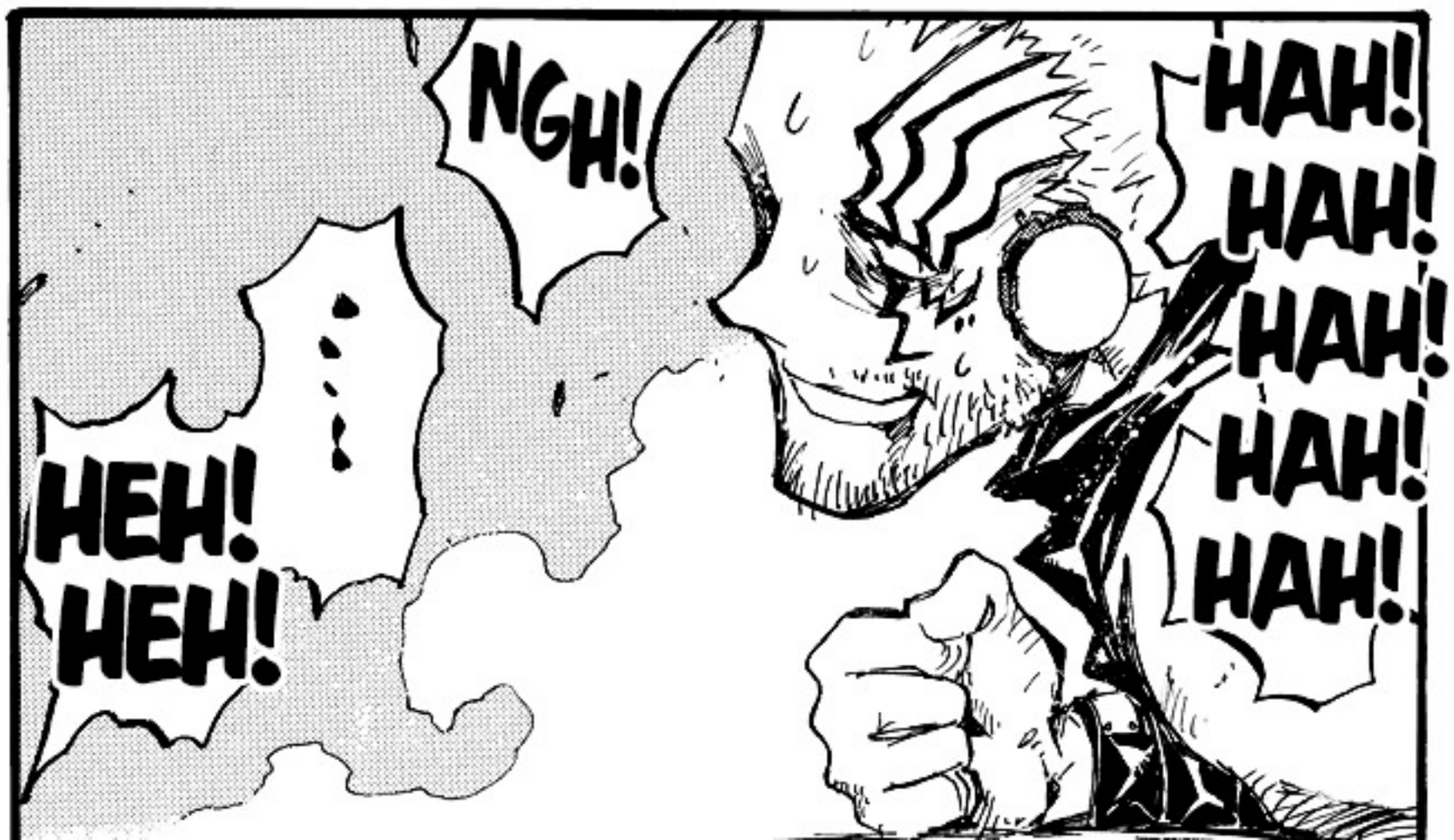
YOU HAD YER FUN, NOW IT'S *MY* TURN.


DON'T BOTHER REMEM-BERIN'.
YER DEAD MEAT, ANYWAY!


AH...
...
...

UGH!
AAA AAA AAA AAH!
GA AAA AAA AAH!




NGH!
HAH! HAH! HAH! HAH! HAH!
HEH! HEH!

BUT NOW... *NOW* BUSTIN' OUTTA THERE WAS *EASY.*

THANKS TO SOME DUMBASSES, OL' LIVIO *ALMOST* KEPT HIS SHIT TOGETHER.

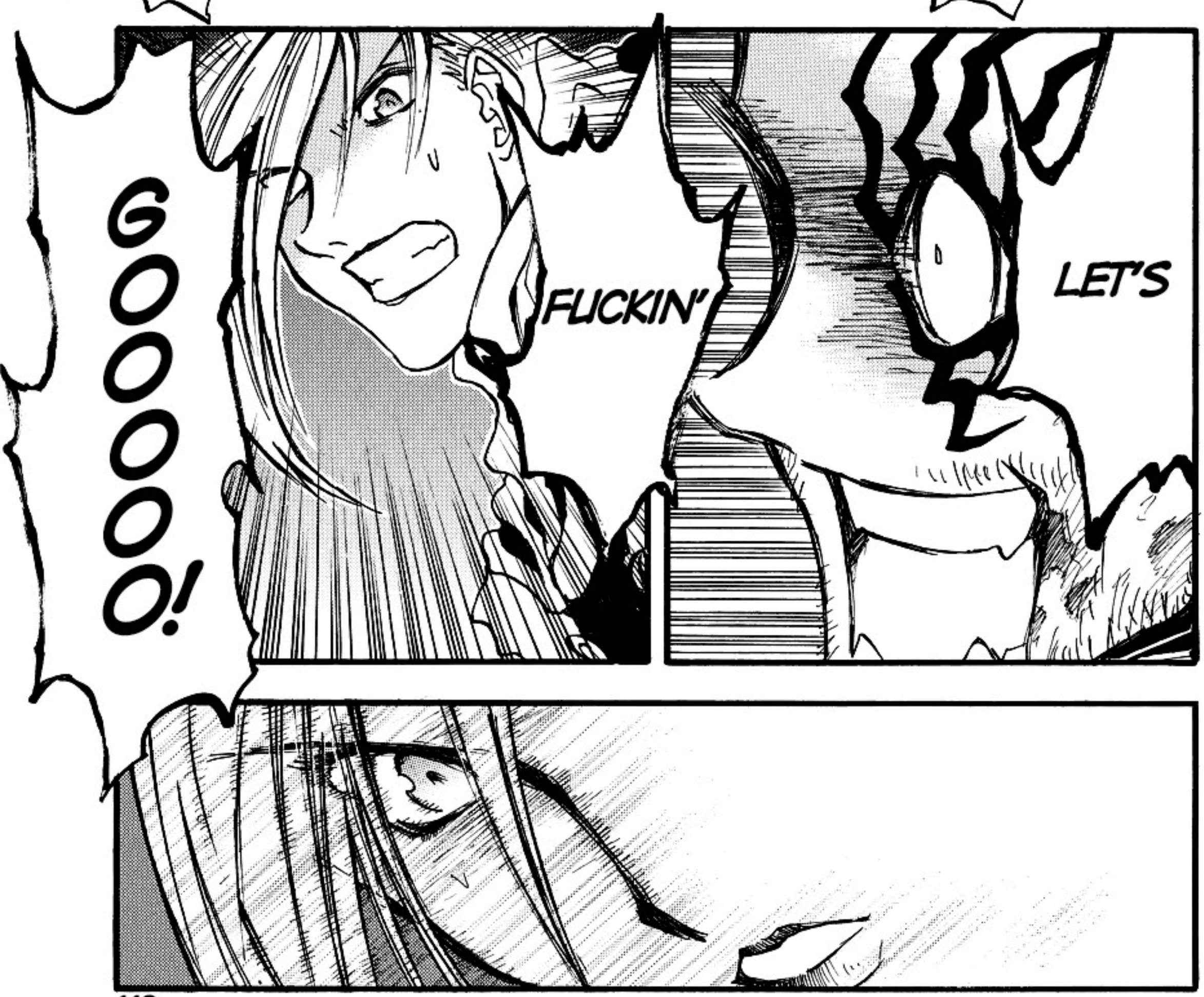
THAT REALLY GOT MY BLOOD PUMPIN'!

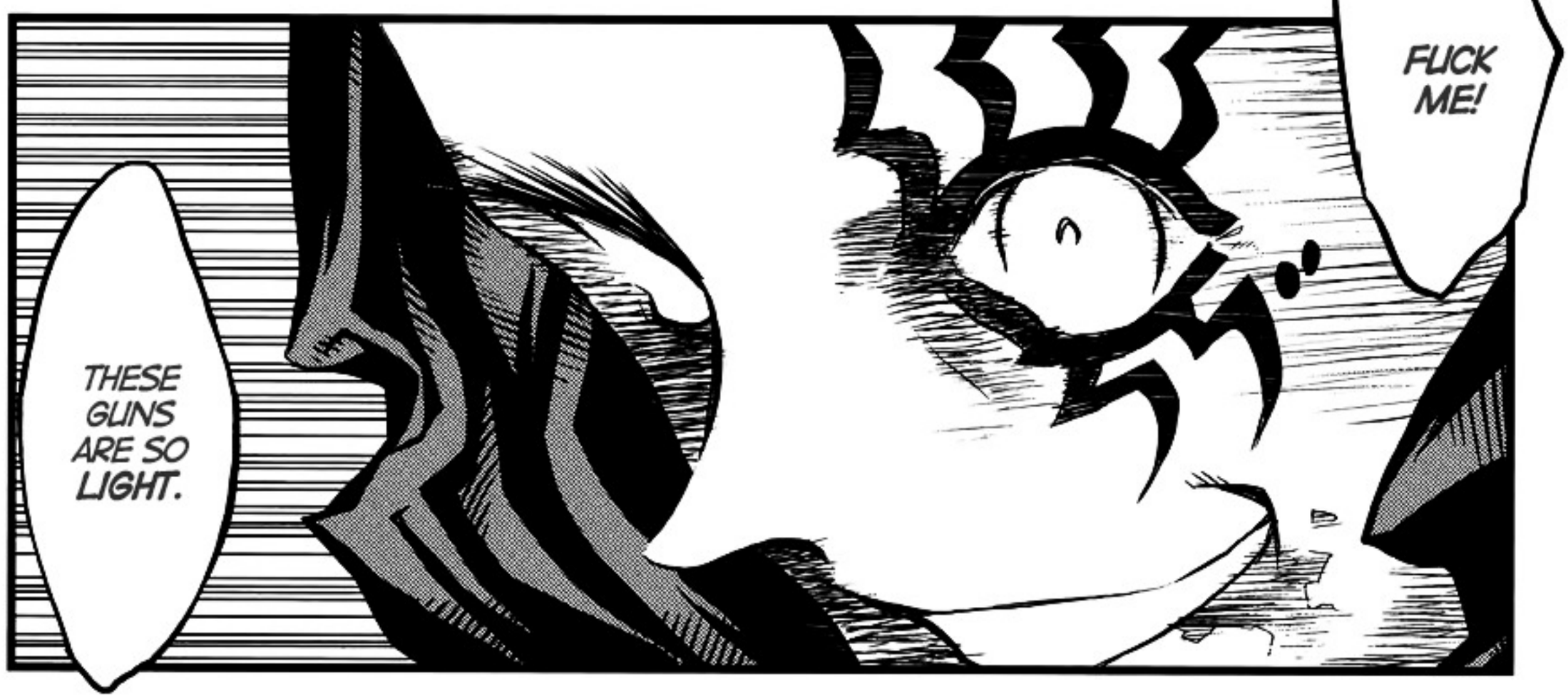
...
...

ALRIGHT THEN, WITH THE BOTH OF YOU IN THERE...

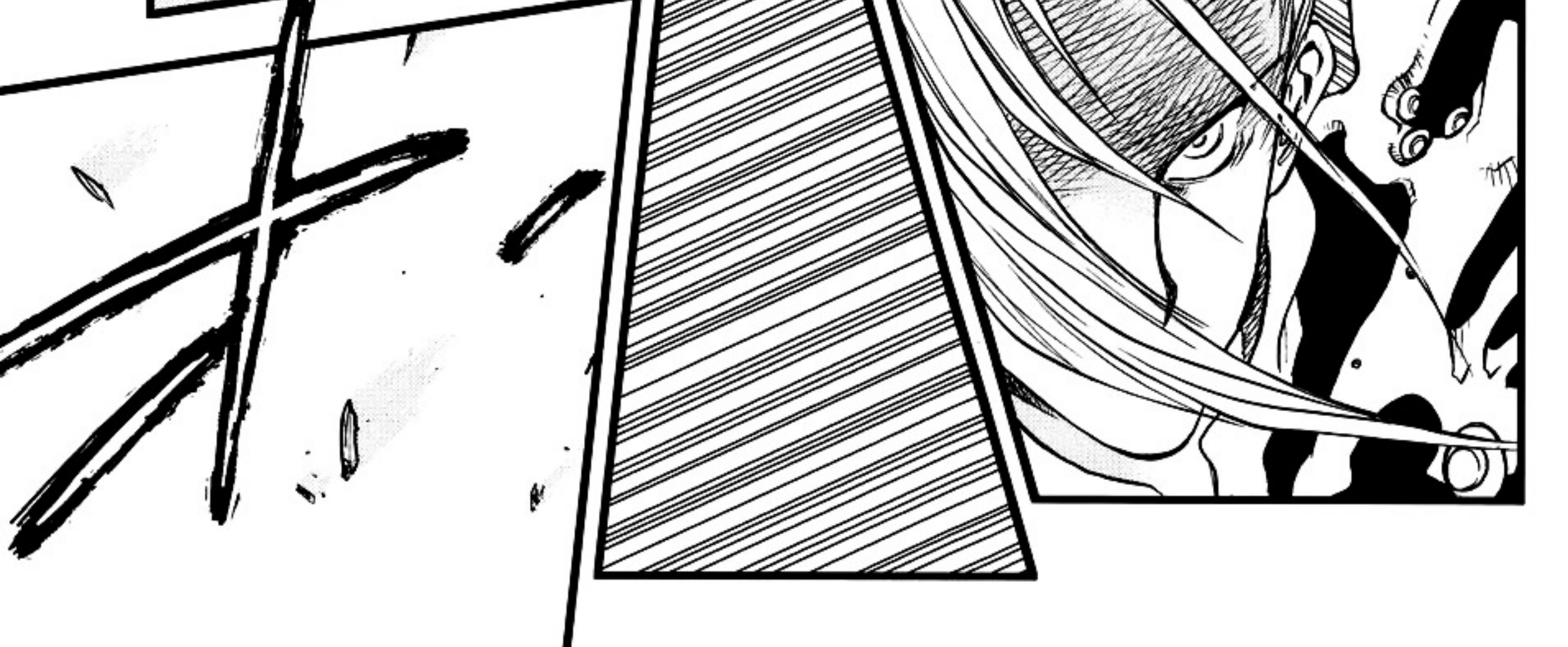
...I'LL JUST KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!

COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!




FUCK ME!
THESE GUNS ARE SO LIGHT.

IT'S LIKE...
...I AIN'T EVEN HOLDIN' THEM.



WHERE
TO
NO-
HA HA HA!
RUN!

YOU...

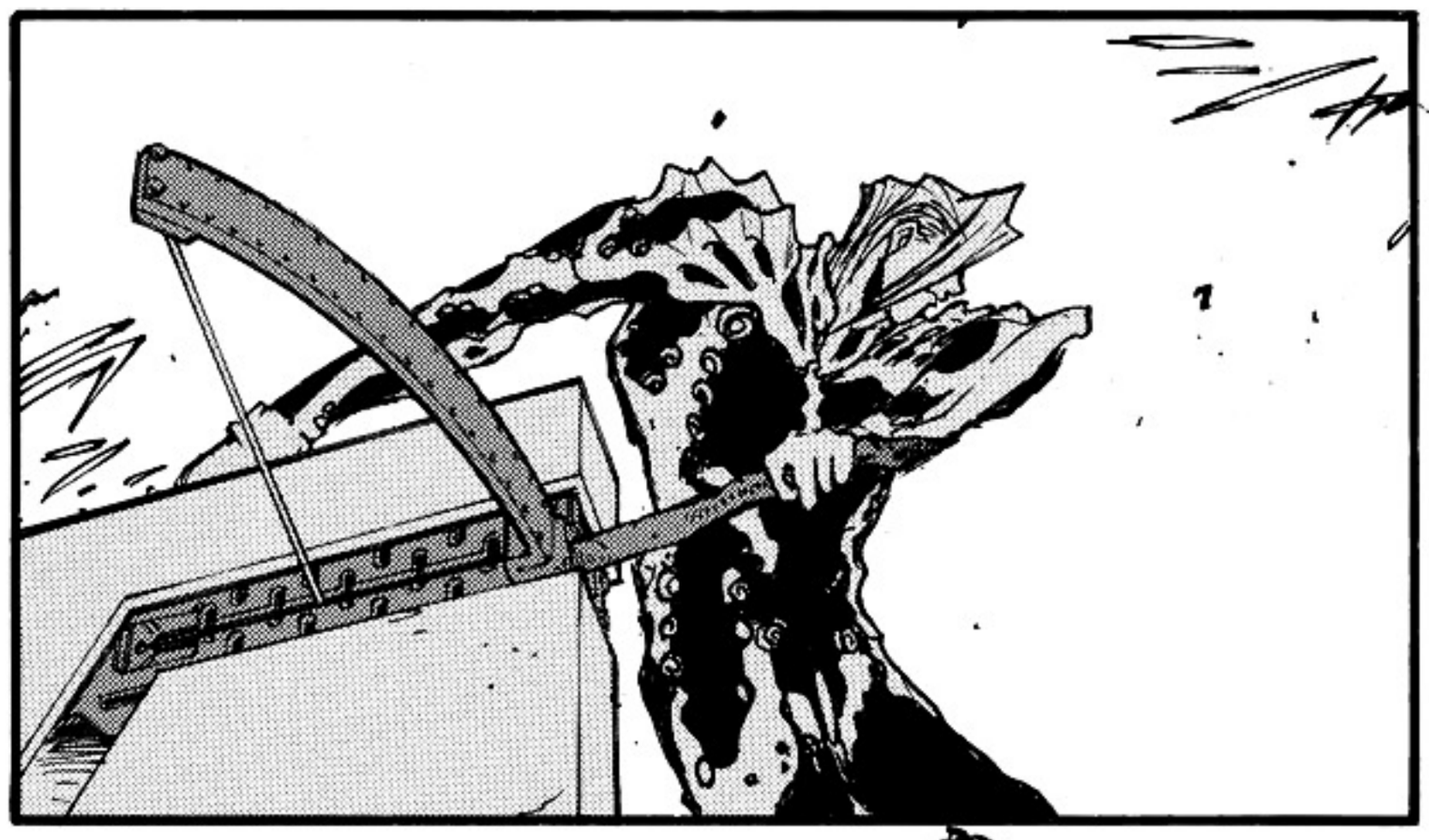
...NEED TO GROW UP...
...YOU...

...BRAT!

...BLOOD LUST.
IF I WERE TO DESCRIBE THAT ONE THING THAT ACTIVATES MY TRUE POWER...
...I WOULD CALL IT...
HOW-EVER...
THEY FEEL NOTHING MORE THAN A GENTLE BREEZE.
TO THE AVERAGE PERSON, IT IS COMPLETELY HARMLESS.
...FACES ELENDIRA THE CRIMSON NAIL AT CLOSE RANGE, AND IS EXPOSED MY MYSTIC POWER...
...AND A NATURE THAT THIRSTS FOR VIO-LENCE...
...WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A PURE, UN-PARALLELED SENSE FOR COMBAT...

...I CRUSH THEM...
...AND THEIR SOUL.

AAAA



#05.
BATTLE
OF THE
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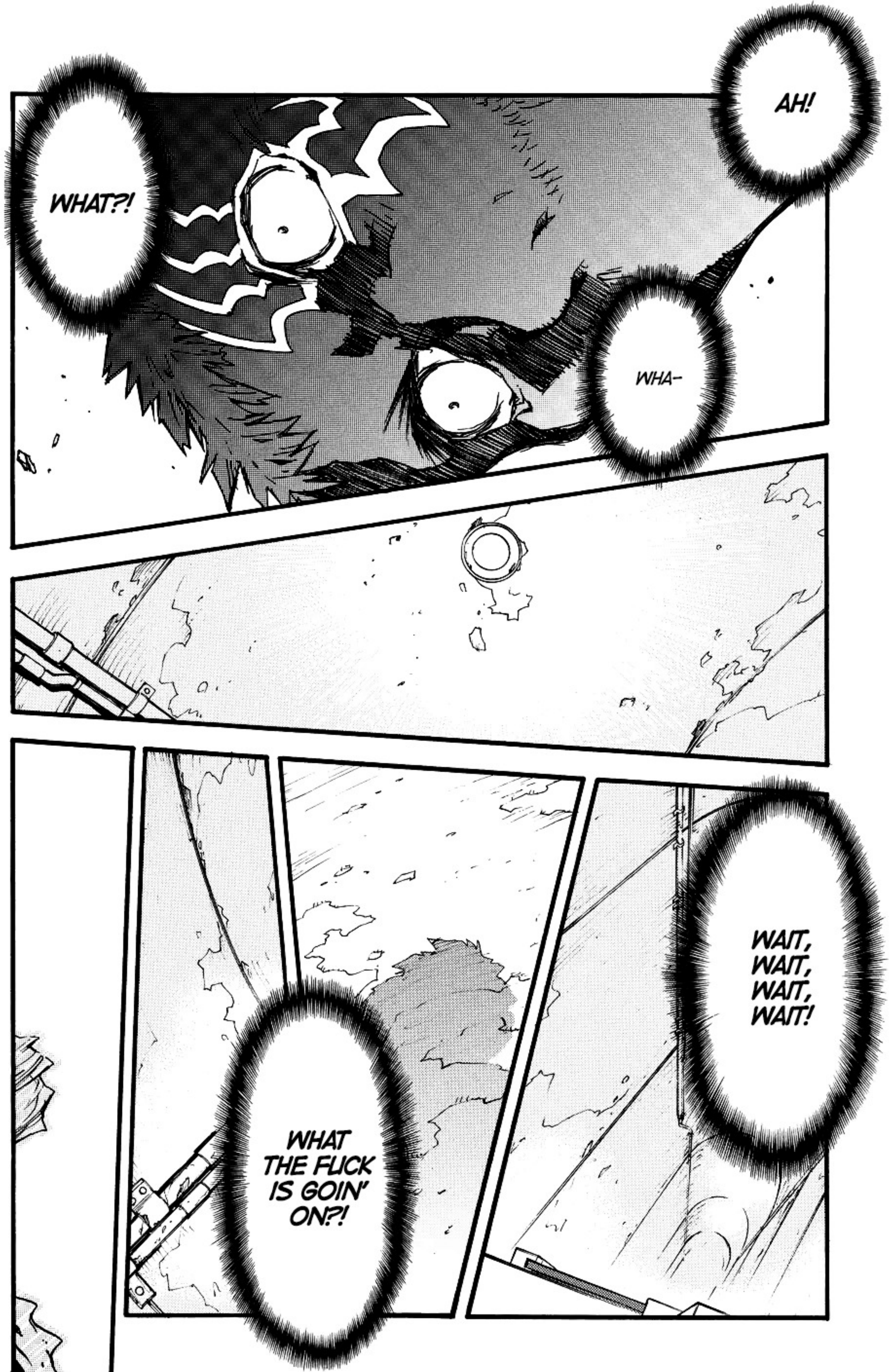
/ END


WHAT?!
AH!
WHA–
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!
WHAT THE FUCK IS GOIN' ON?!

#06. TAG-IN A PERSON

GAH!
AH!
THE FUCK IS THIS?!
CAN'T... MOVE...!
WHY AM I SHAKIN' SO DAMN MUCH?!
MY HANDS AND FEET FEEL NUMB... LIKE THEY AIN'T EVEN THERE!

IN THE END...
...
...
...AND WHEN THEIR LIVES ARE *TRULY* IN DANGER.
...WHEN THEY ARE *UTTERLY* OUT-MATCHED...
...ALL LIVING THINGS UNDER-STAND...

SILLY ME.
AH!
CAN'T HAVE YOU MOVING AROUND TOO MUCH.
IT'S ANNOYING.
AA AA AA AH!
GAH AA AH!!

AAAAAH!

BUT THAT'S *ALL* YOU'VE GOT.

AAAA

AH!

YOU CERTAINLY HAVE SKILL.

AAAAA!

YOU'VE BEEN IN PLENTY OF FIGHTS AND WON WITH EASE.

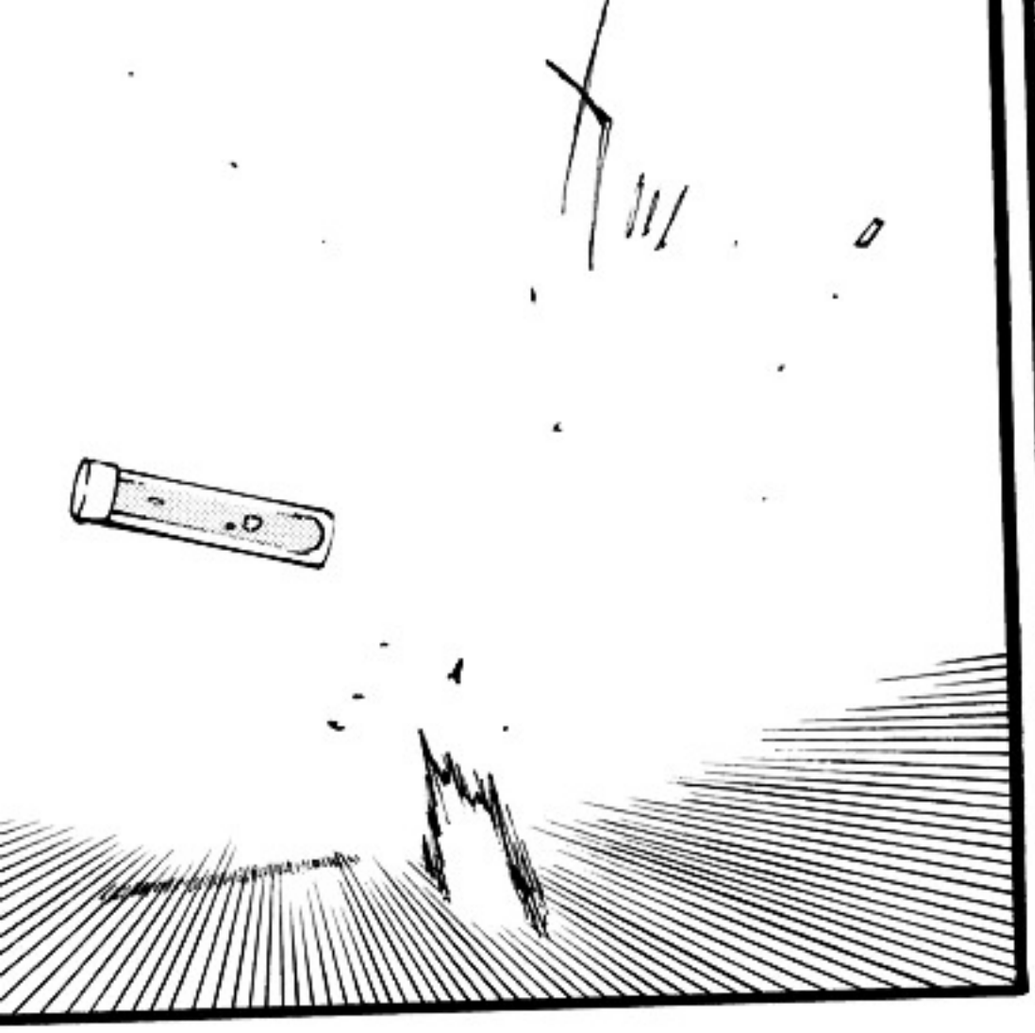
AH!

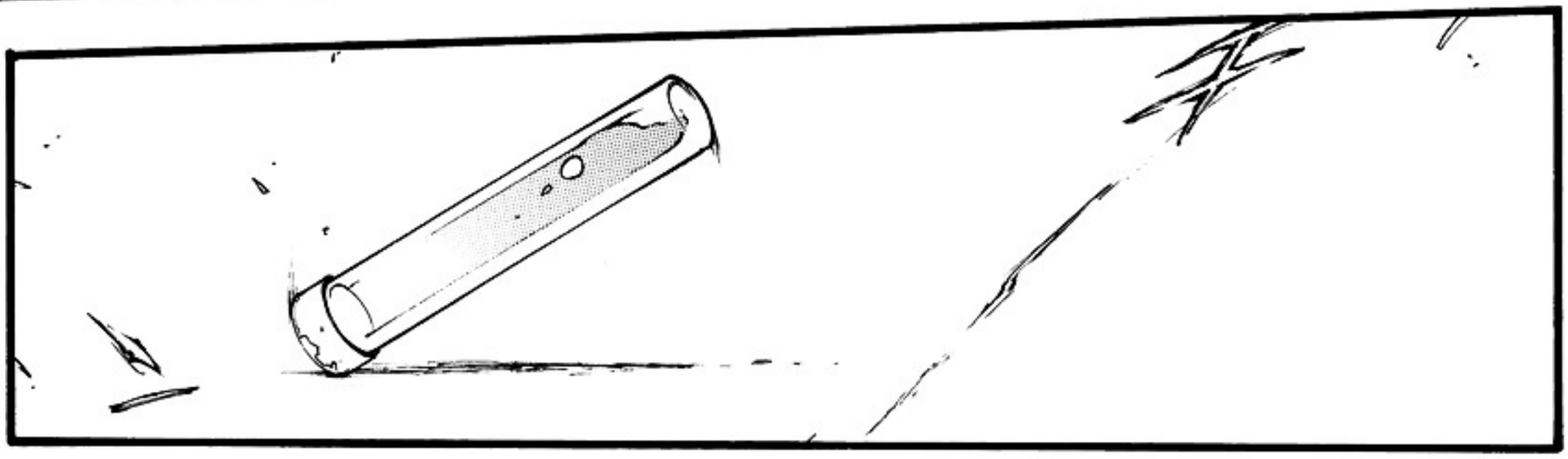
HAAAAH!

AND THAT JUST ISN'T ENOUGH TO SCARE ME.

OH, SHUT UP!

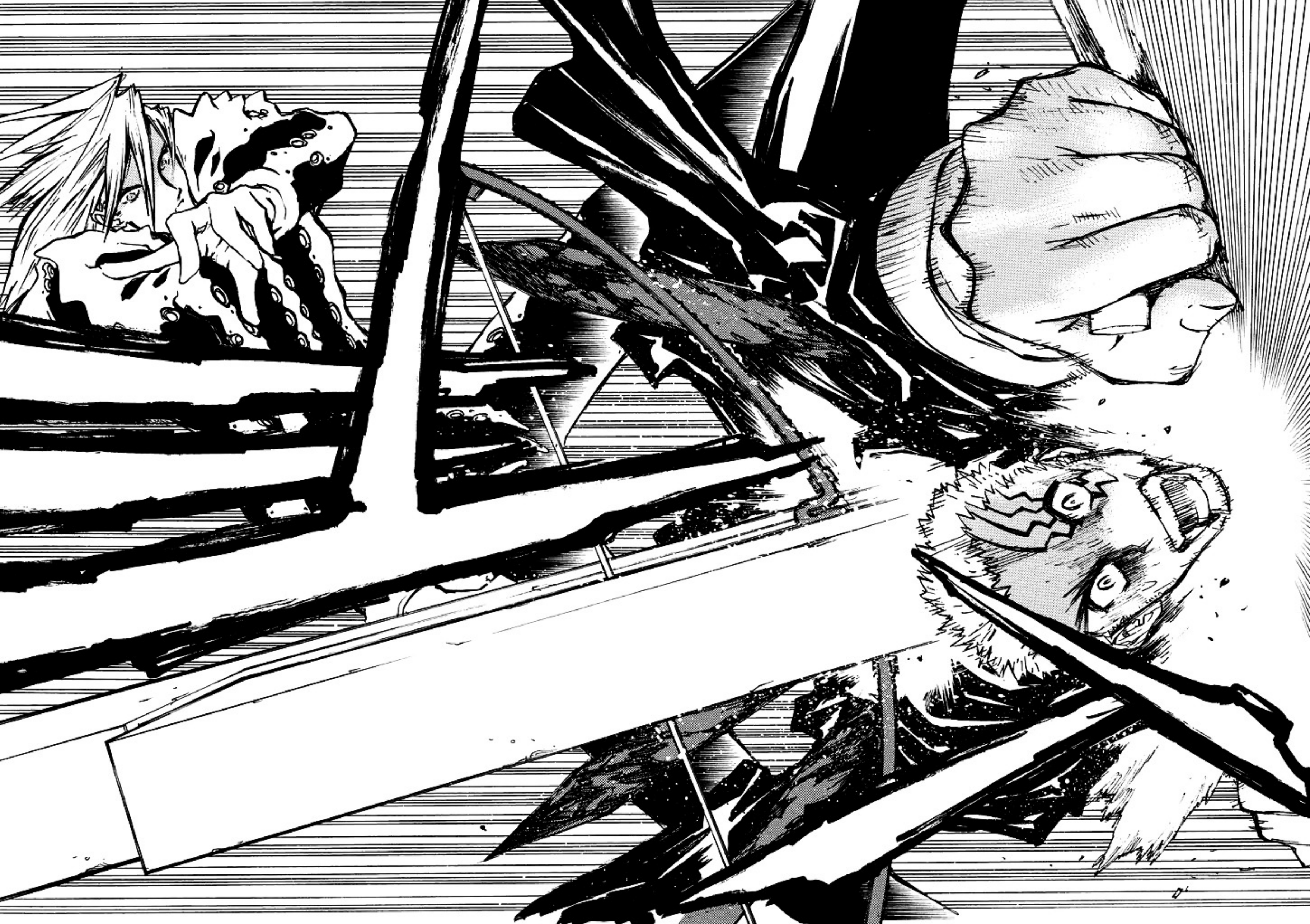
...



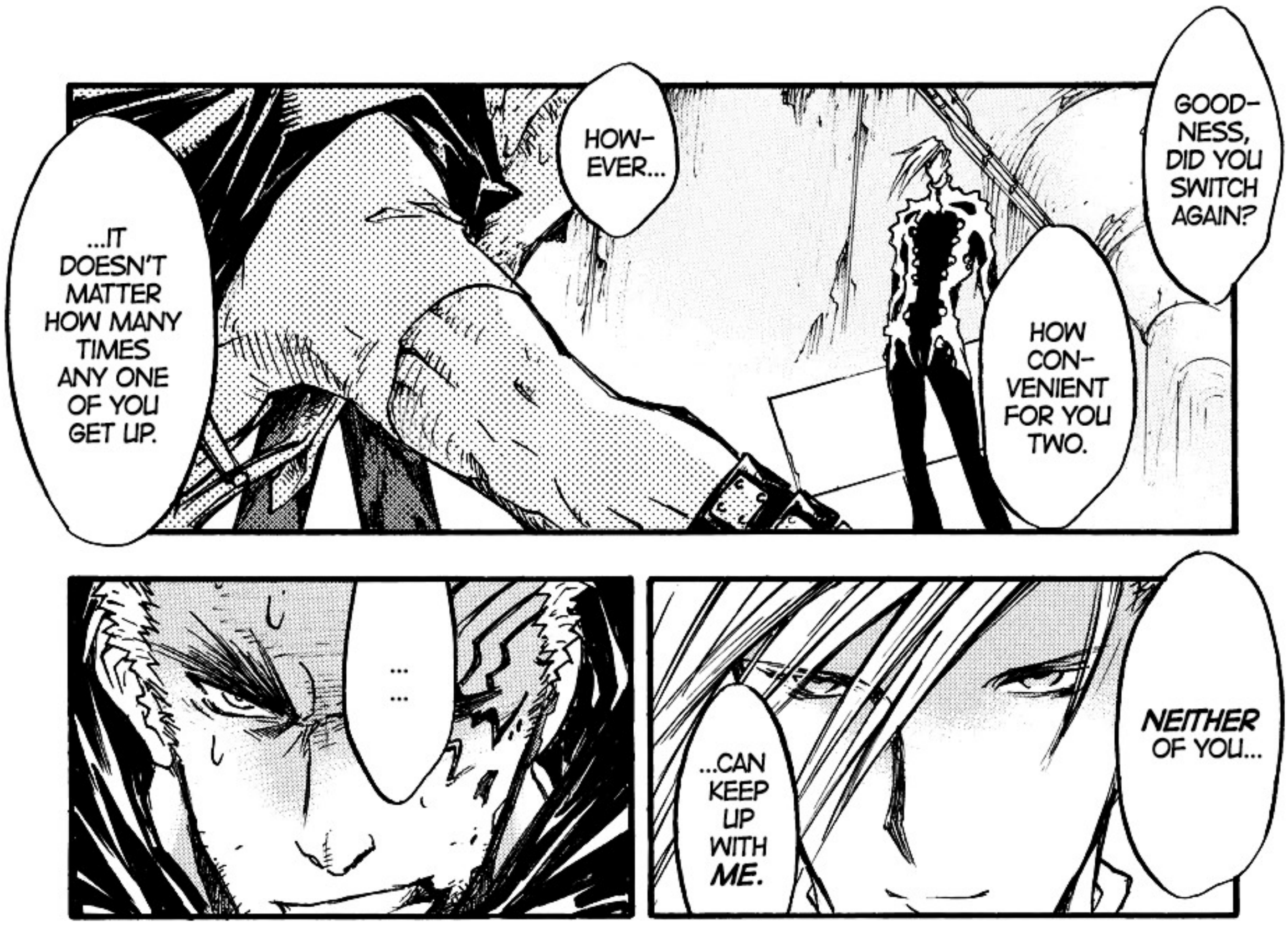


...HAVE YOU, LITTLE GENIUS?

YOU'VE NEVER...
...HAD YOUR FACE RUBBED IN THE DIRT BEFORE...



NNGH!
AAAAAA!
AAHH!!


...IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES ANY ONE OF YOU GET UP.
HOW-EVER...
HOW CON-VENIENT FOR YOU TWO.
GOOD-NESS, DID YOU SWITCH AGAIN?
...
...CAN KEEP UP WITH ME.
NEITHER OF YOU...

...RAZLO.
WHADDAYA MEAN "WHY"?!
YEAH...
RIGHT.
HUH?
WHY ARE YA HERE?

...AND YET I WAS **STILL** DEPENDIN' ON YA.

SWORE I'D DO EVERYTHIN' ON MY OWN...

I'M PATHETIC.

NGH!

GUH!

SHIT!

DAMN IT!

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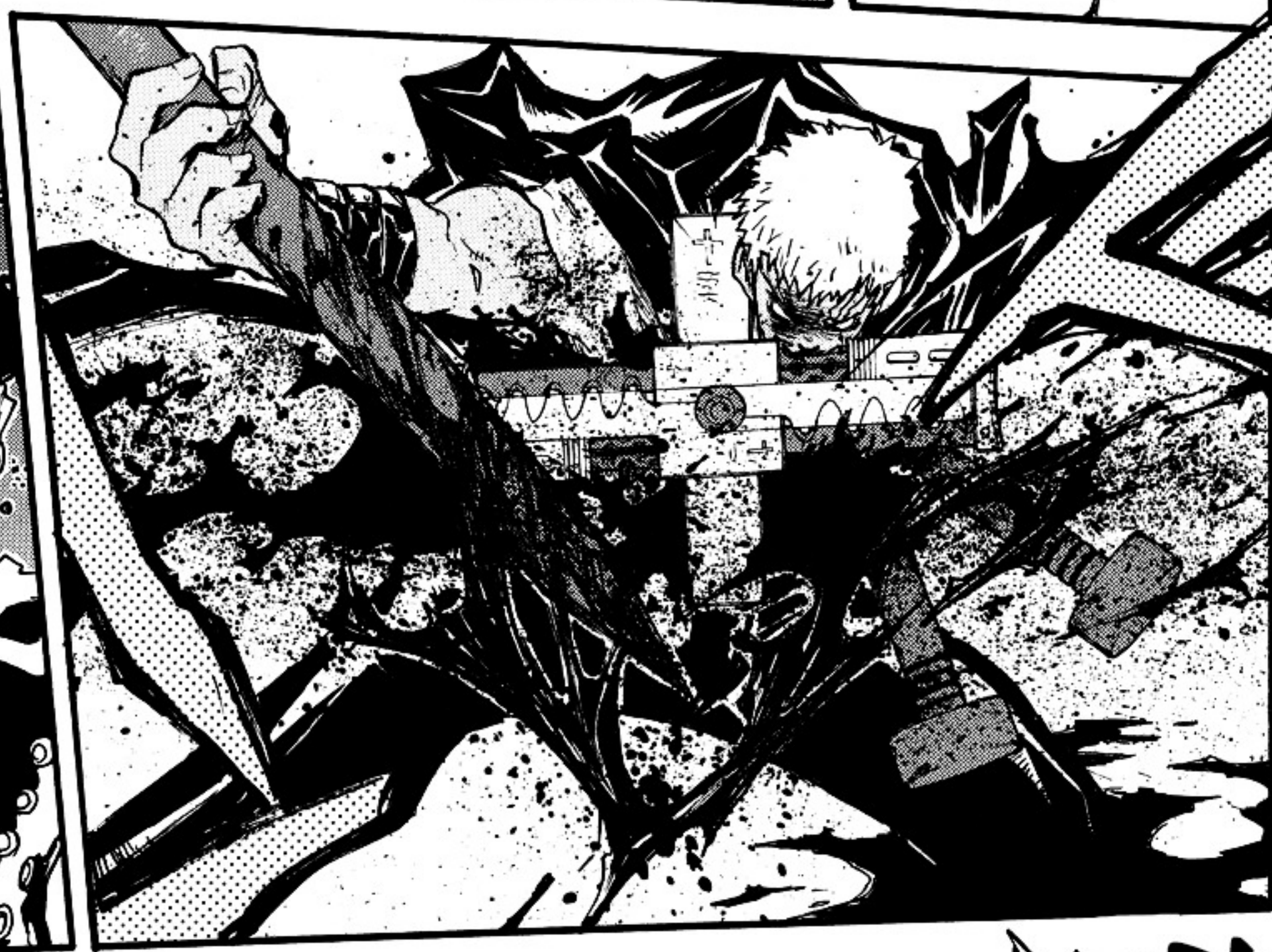
FORGIVE ME!
I'M SO SORRY!

I'M SORRY, RAZLO.

I USED YA FOR MY OWN GAIN...
...AND LOOK WHERE IT GOT US.

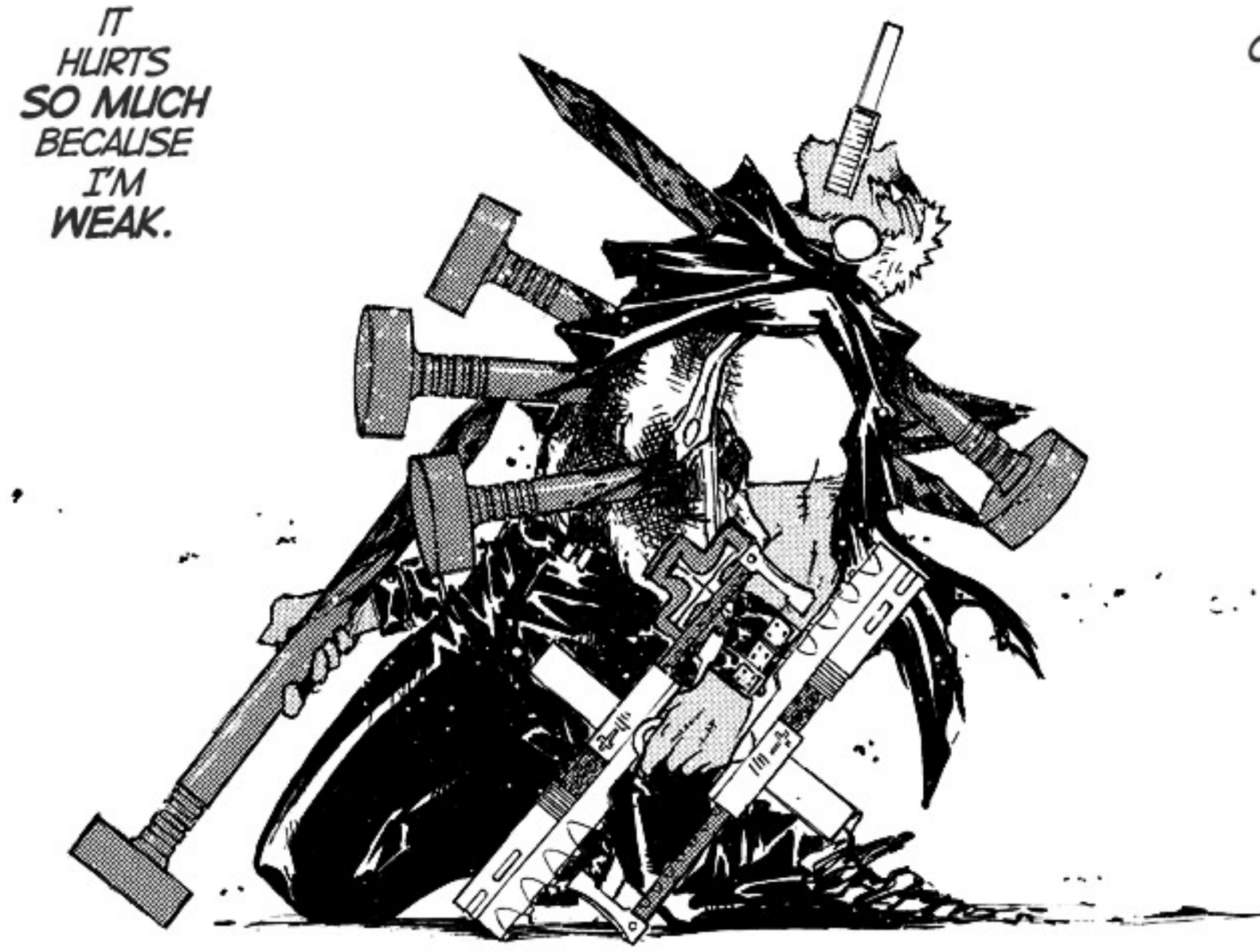


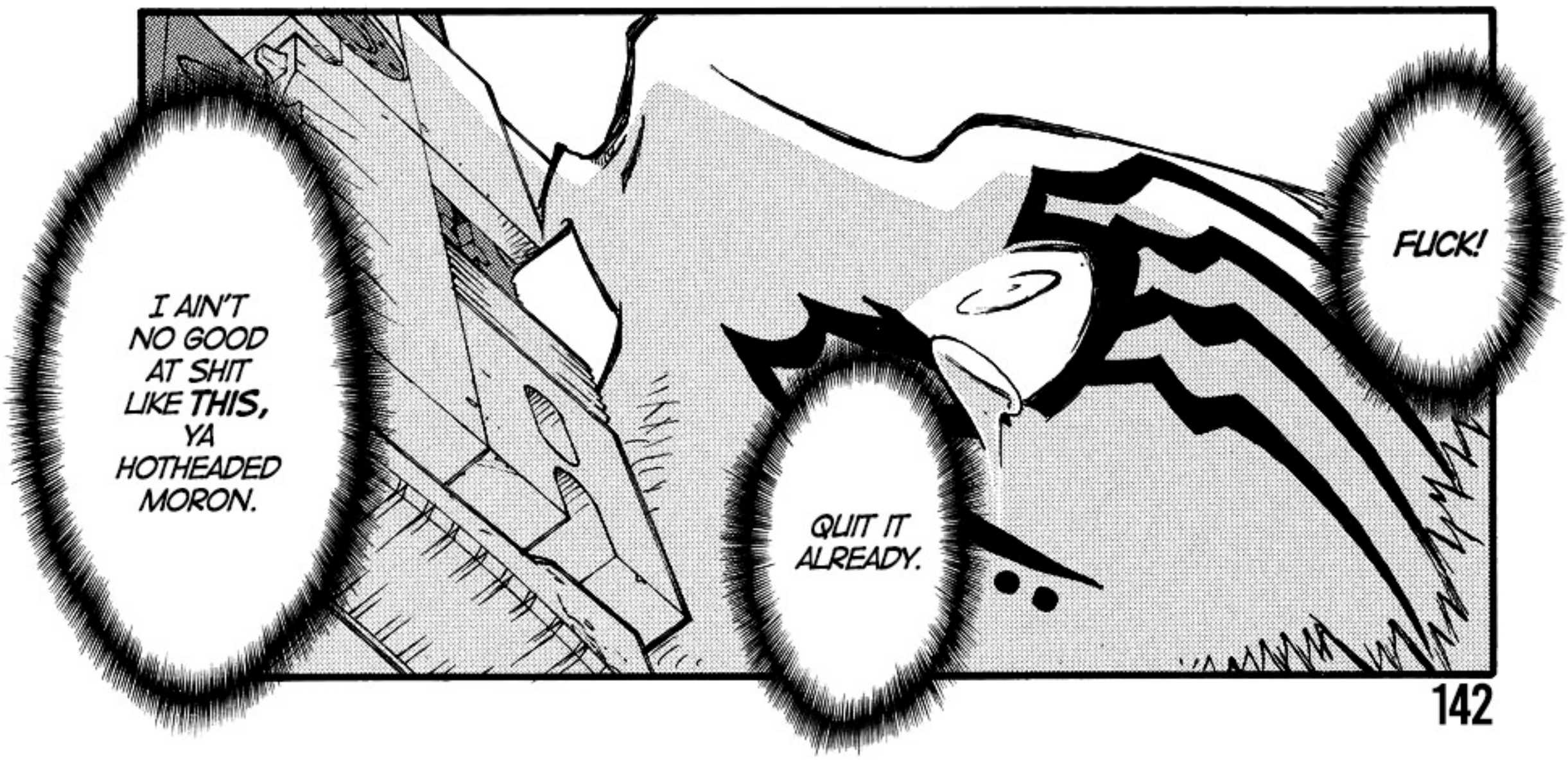
AA AA AA AA!
HN GH AA AA
I'VE ALREADY HIT THE GROUND SO MANY TIMES BEFORE.
I'LL BE OKAY.

IT HURTS, RAZLO.

IT HURTS SO MUCH BECAUSE I'M WEAK.

OH...





LET'S GO!

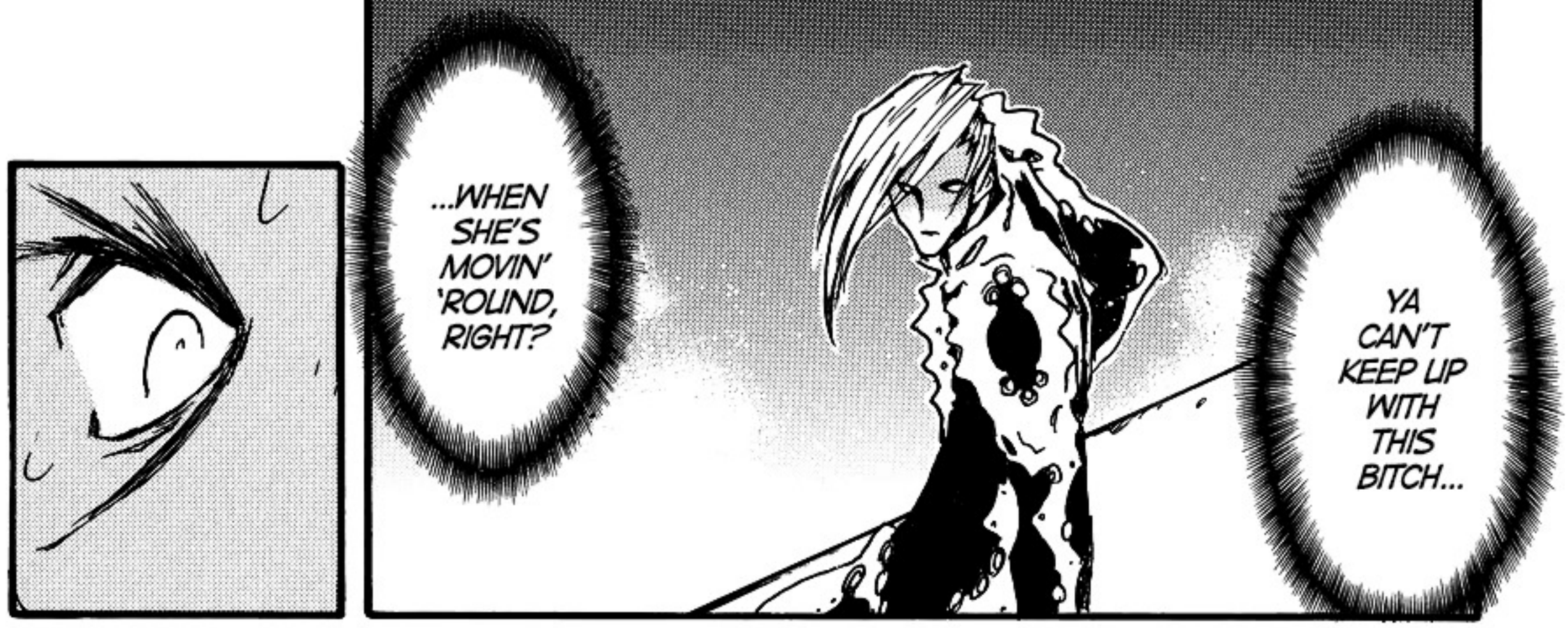
COME ON!

?!

?!!

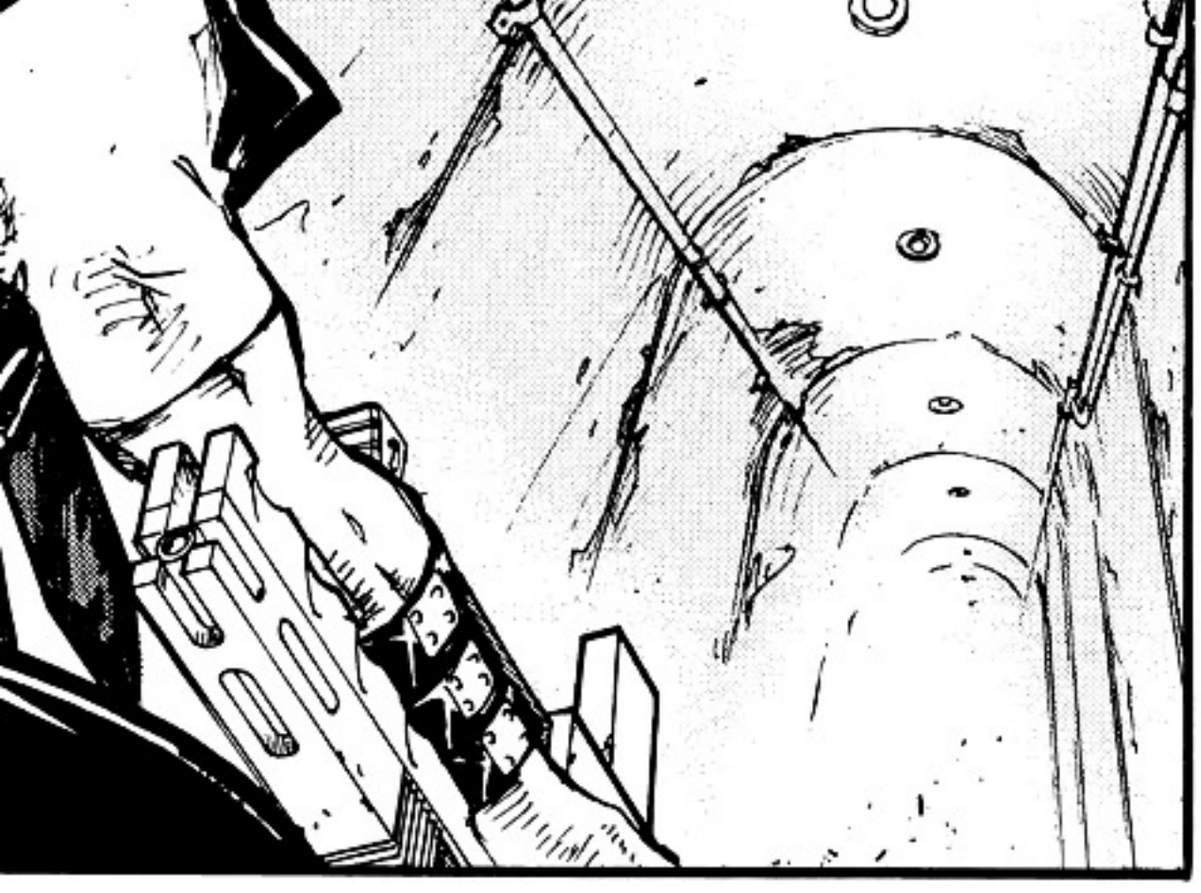
HUH?

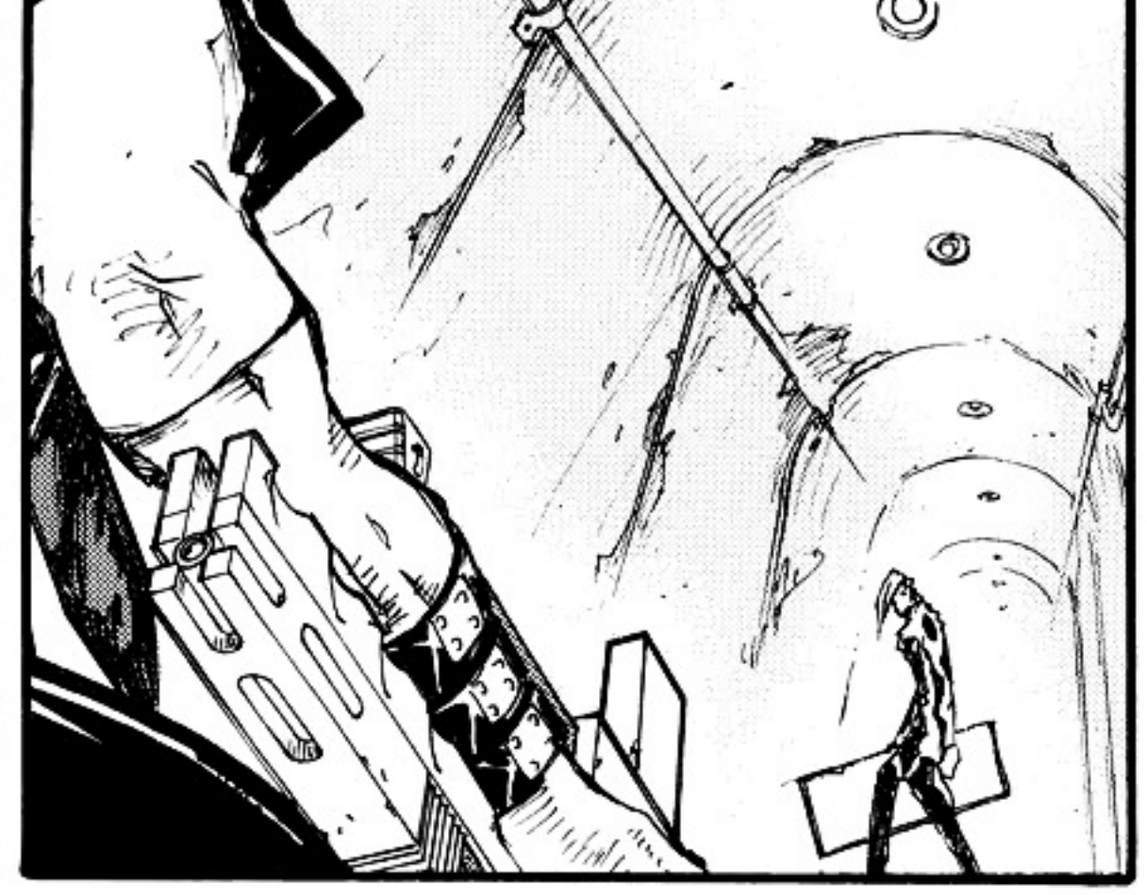
I CAN SEE HER.

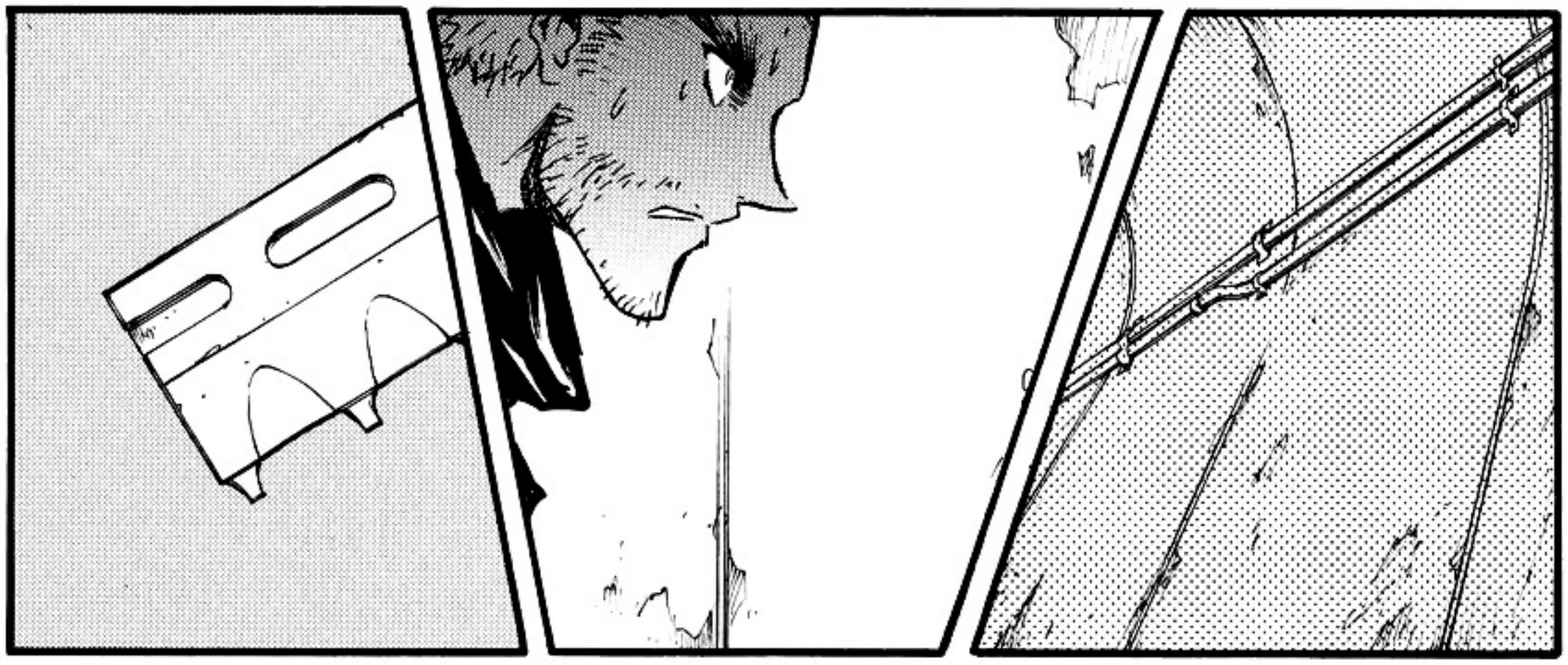

...WHEN SHE'S MOVIN' 'ROUND, RIGHT?
YA CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THIS BITCH...

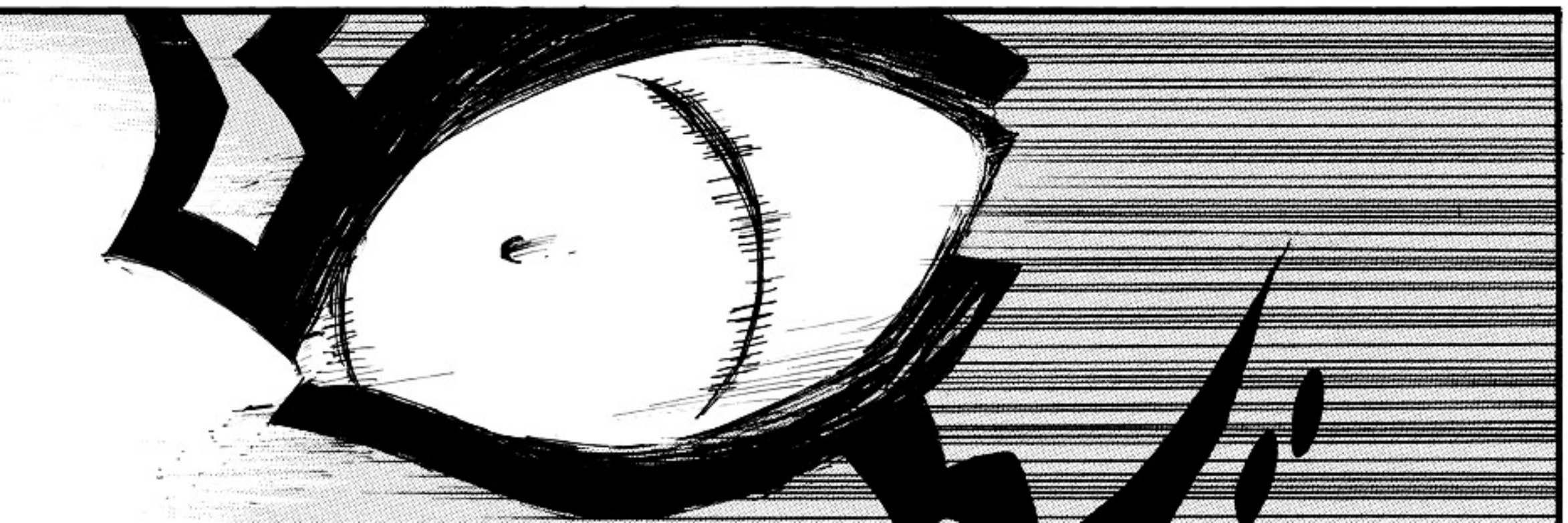
AND YOU...
I'LL KEEP AN EYE ON HER.

...GIVE HER EVERY-THIN' YA GOT!
...YER GONNA...

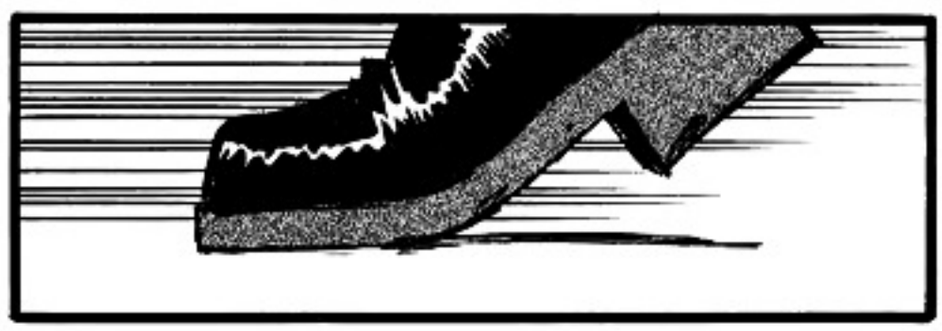








HOW?
THIS BRAT...
RAZLO, IS THIS WHAT YA SEE?
DID YA SEE THAT?



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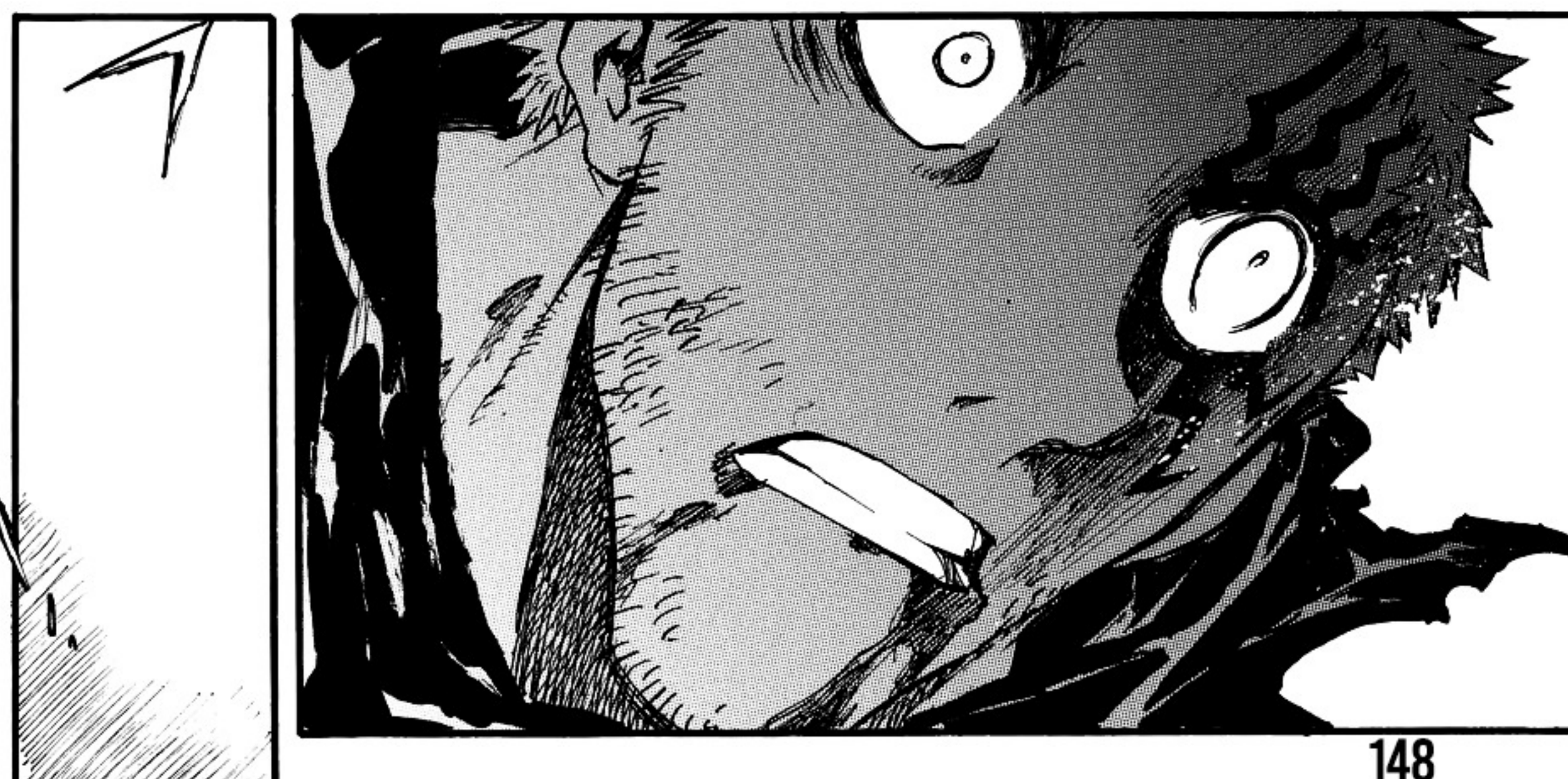
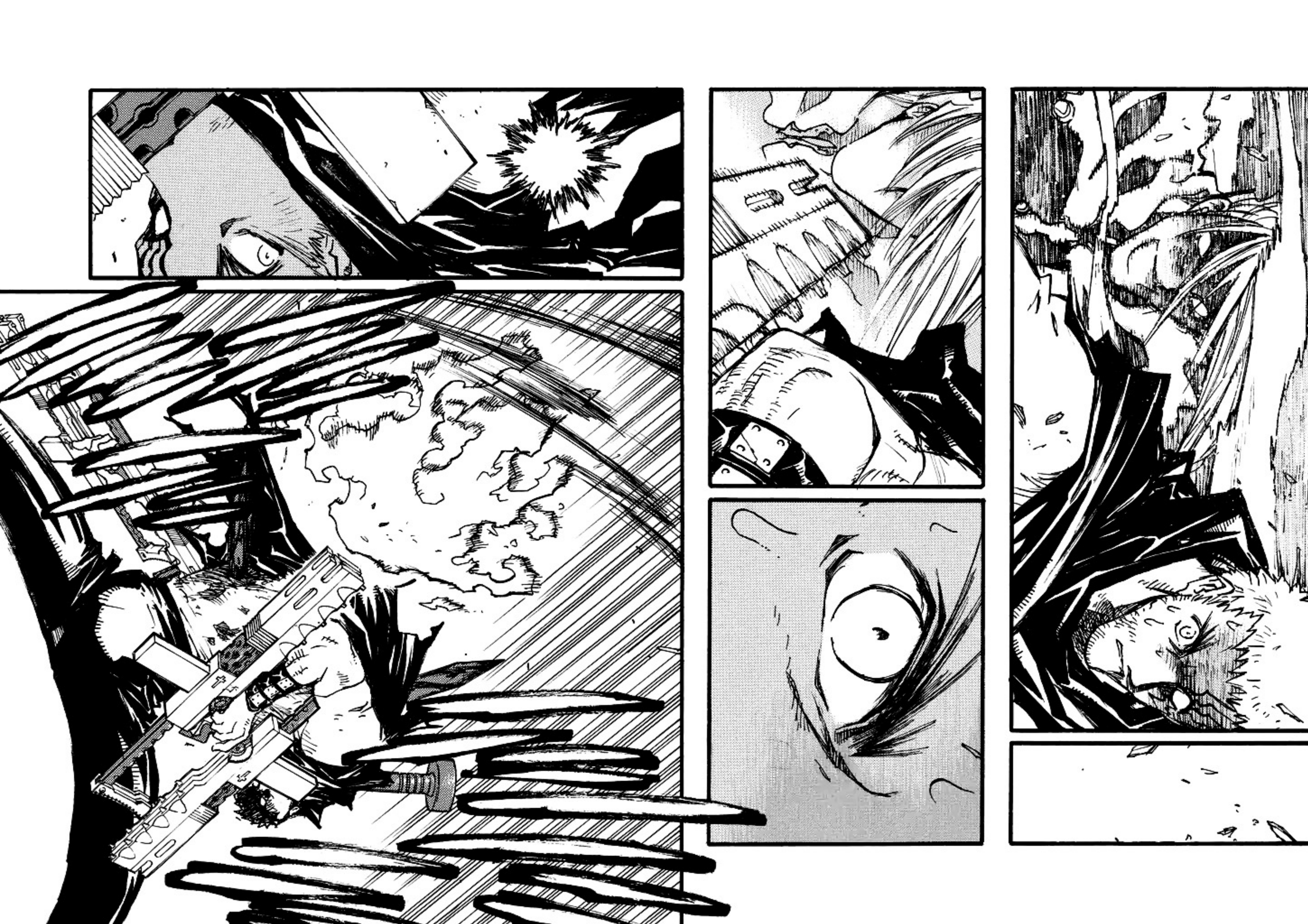
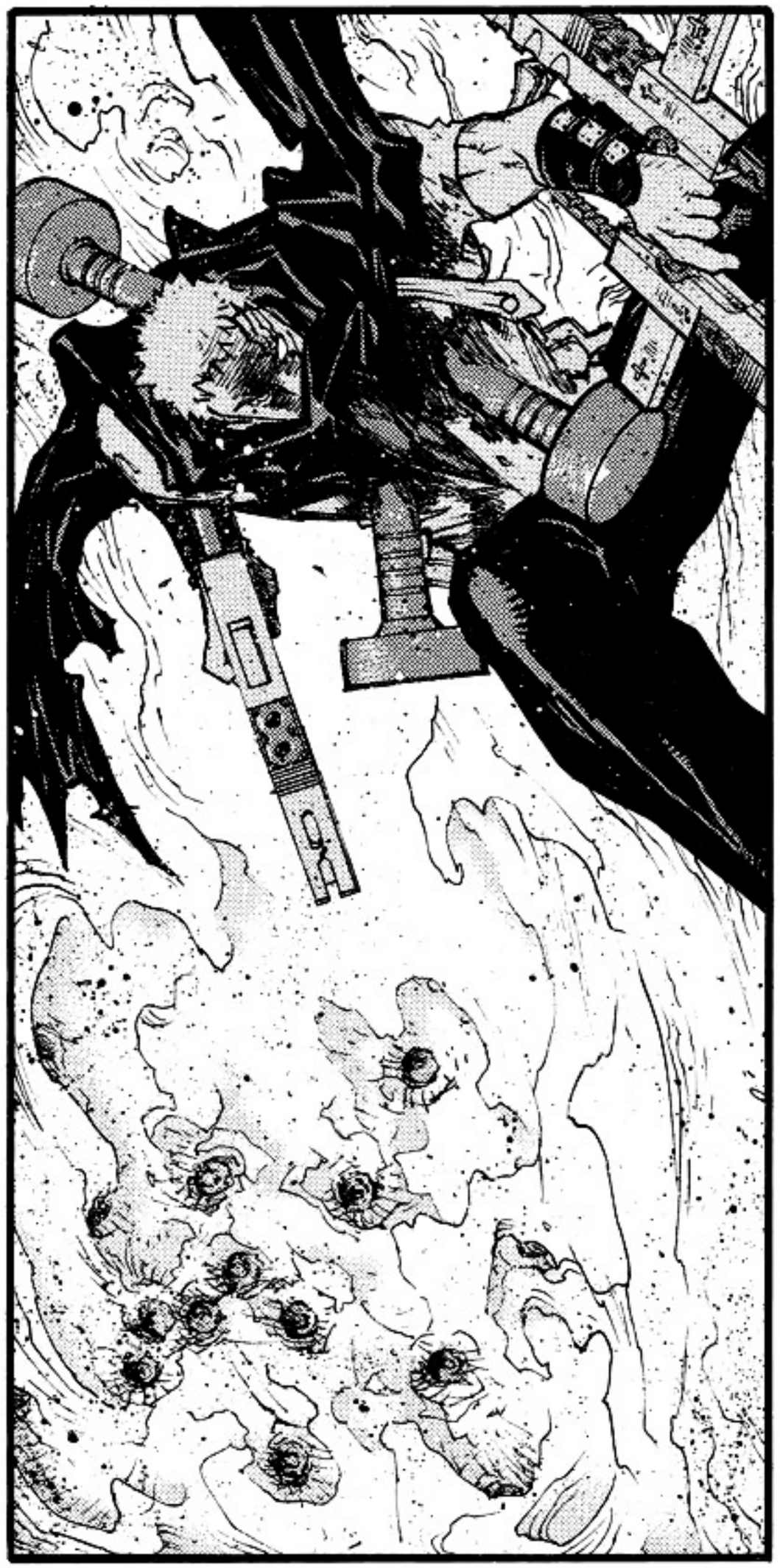
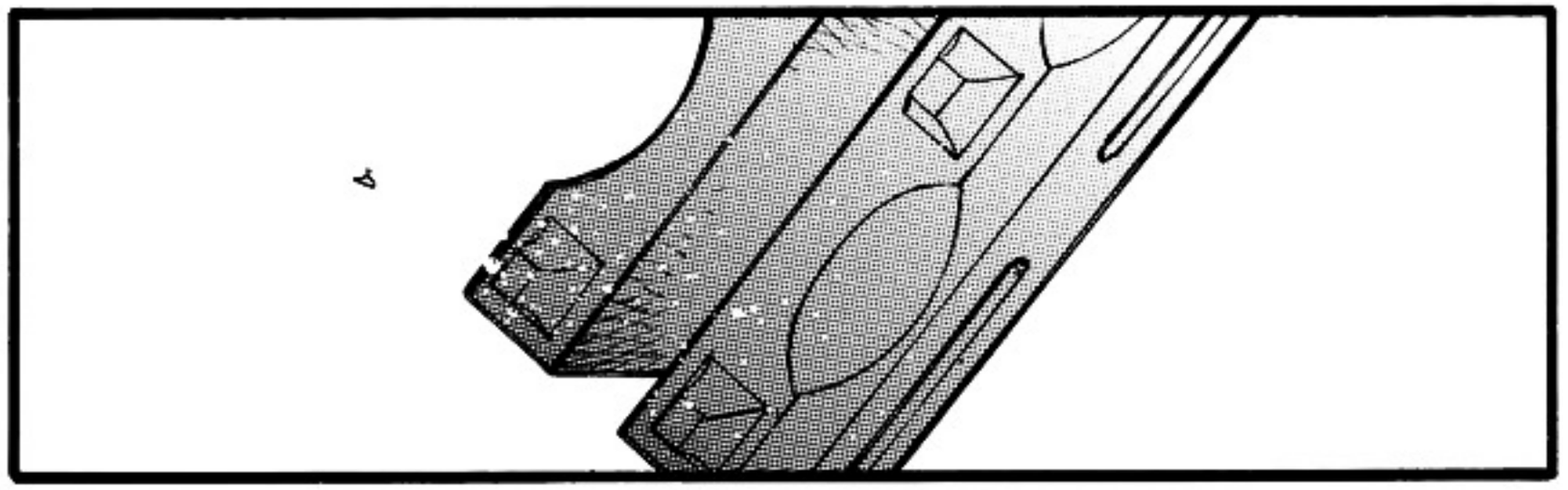
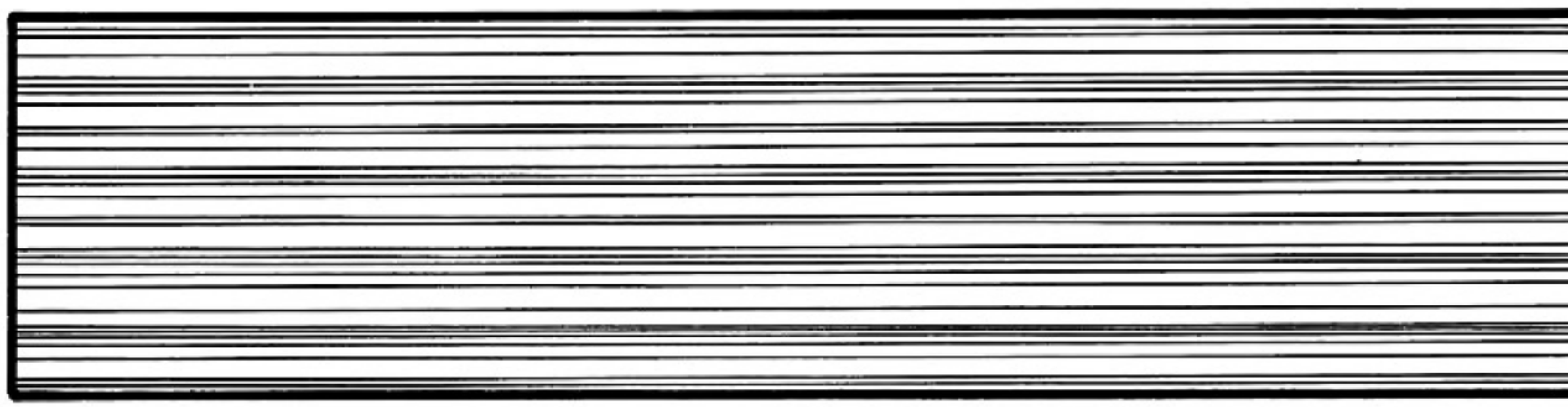
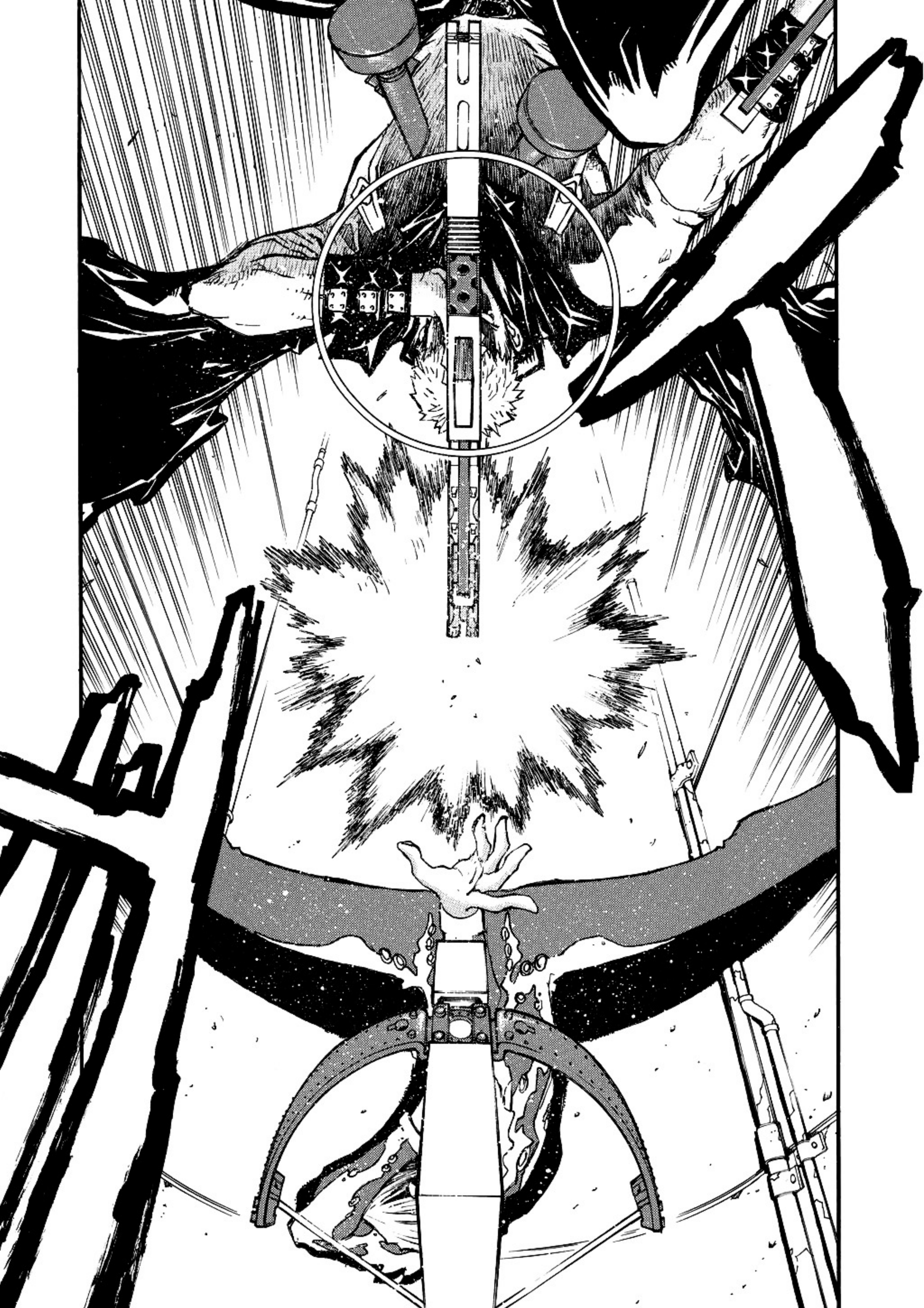


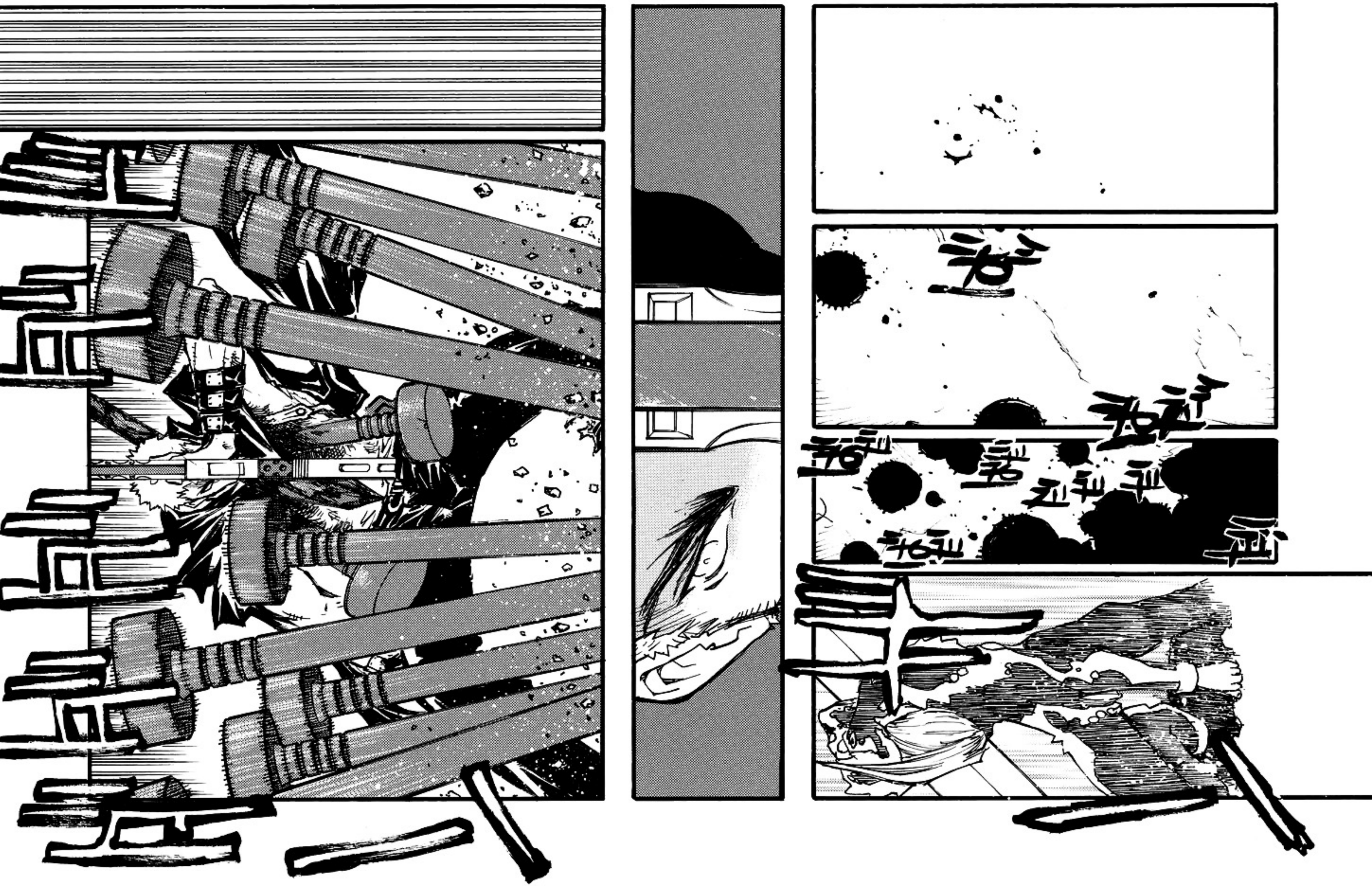












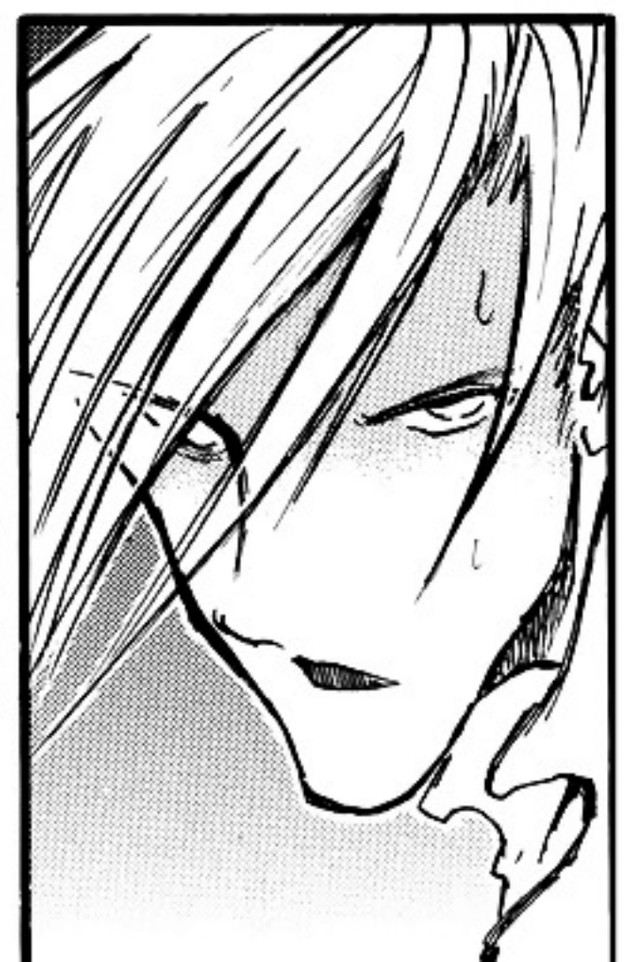
RAZLO...
I CAN KEEP UP WITH HER WHEN I MOVE MY BODY JUST LIKE YA ENVISION.
YA GOT THIS DOWN PERFECTLY.
HOLY HELL!

...YER AREA OF EXPERTISE!

...THIS REALLY IS...

THE TRI-P OF DEATH'S MIND SHOULD BE COMPLETELY BROKEN.

HOW...? WHAT IS GOING ON?



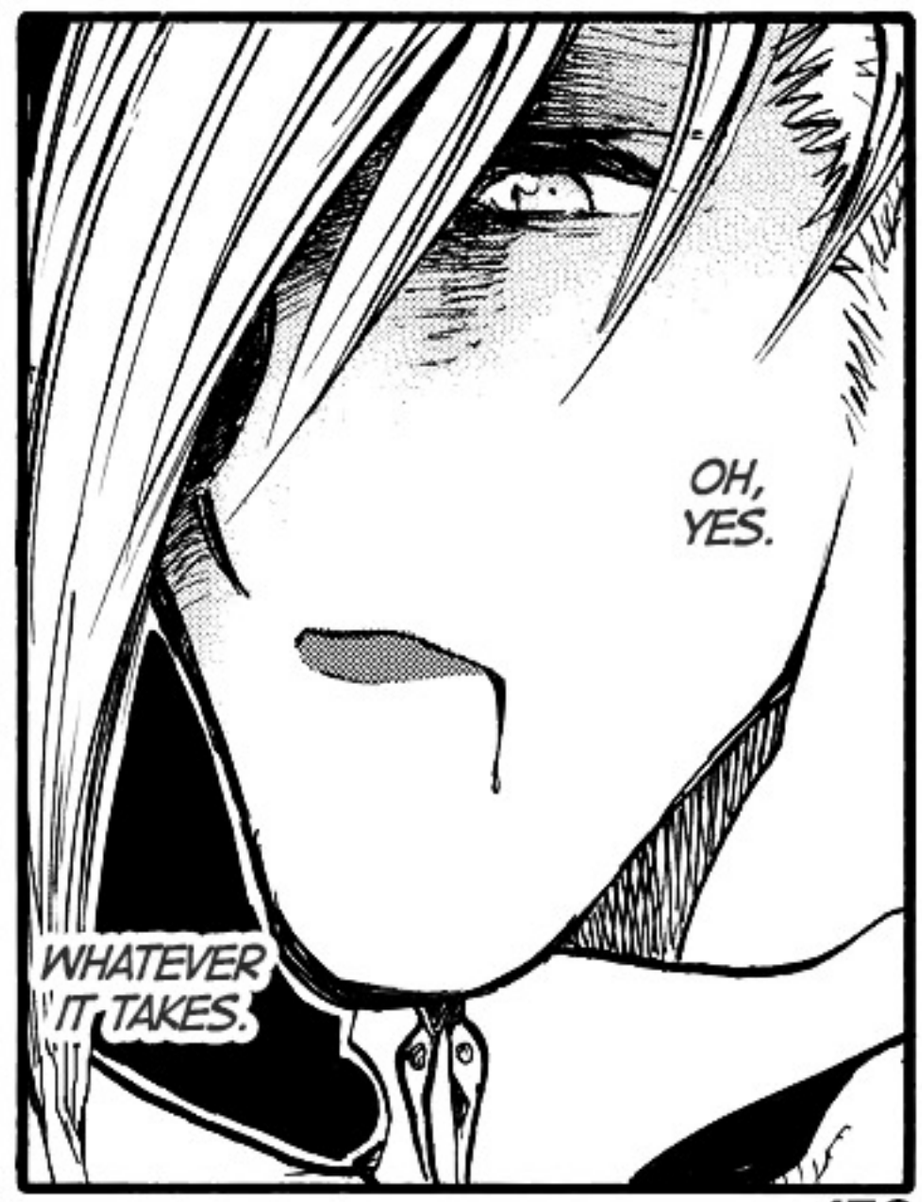
SO WHO IS THIS IN FRONT OF ME NOW?

BUT HE'S SHOWING MORE SKILL THAN JUST DOUBLE FANG ALONE.

WHOEVER THIS MIGHT BE...

...I'M STILL GOING TO SLAUGHTER HIM.

NO, THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.



YEAH, OF COURSE.

RAZLO, YER THE **REAL DEAL!**

IF I ROLL WITH YER POWER OF PERCEPTION AND ATTENTION, MY BODY JUST REACTS **INSTINCTIVELY.**

GOT THE HANG OF IT?

GOOD.

THEN IT'S ALL UP TO YOU.

...
...

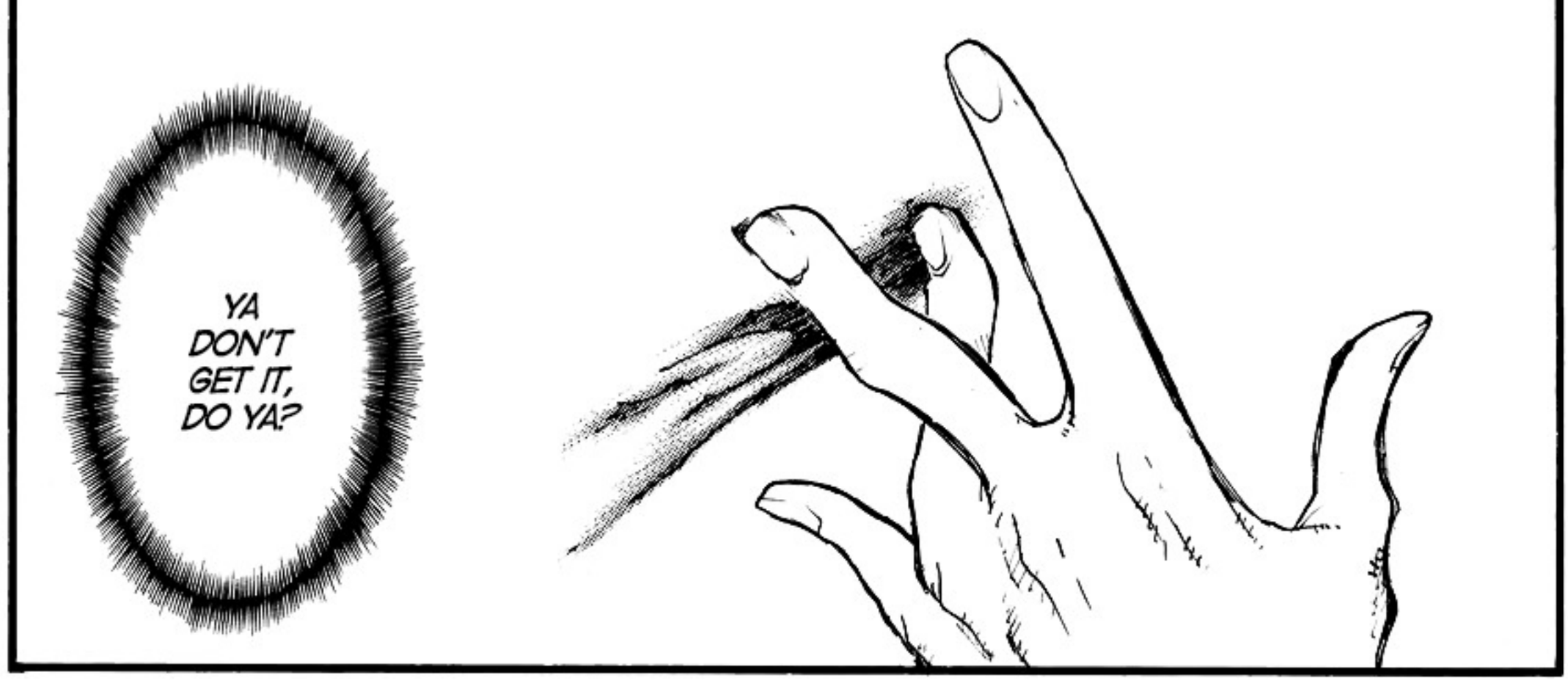
IF I DON'T SCREW UP...

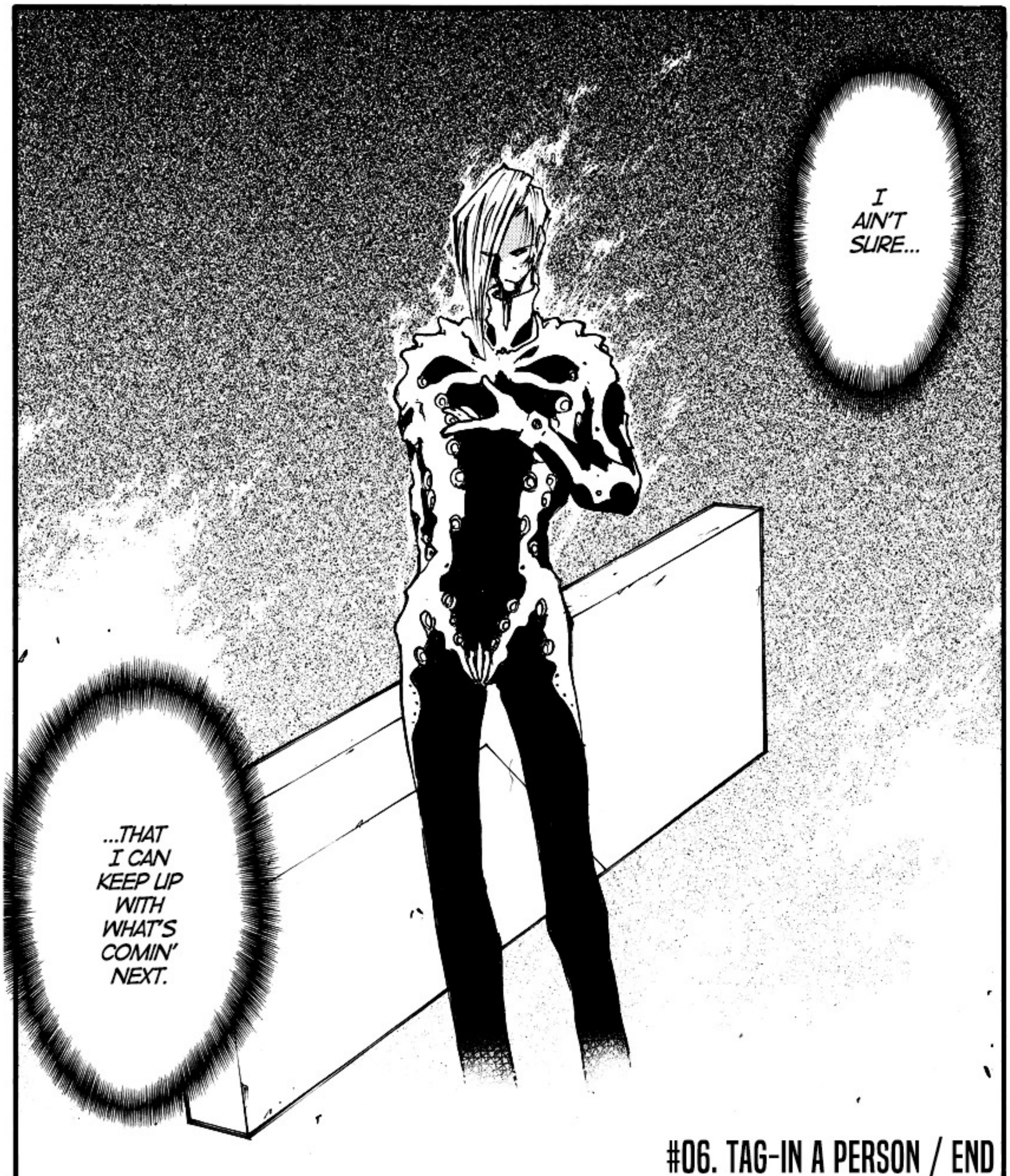
...THEN WE MIGHT JUST GET OUTTA THIS **ALIVE.**

WHAT?

MY WORK HERE IS DONE.

HUH?





#06. TAG-IN A PERSON / END

HOLD ON A SEC, RAZLO!

HEY!

DON'T GIMME THAT SHIT, LIVIO!

YER THE ONE WHO'S GONNA HAVE TO DO IT.

UNLESS YA WANNA FUCKIN' DIE.

#07. CATCH-AS-CATCH-CAN

IN-CLUDIN' THE LAST FEW TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE.

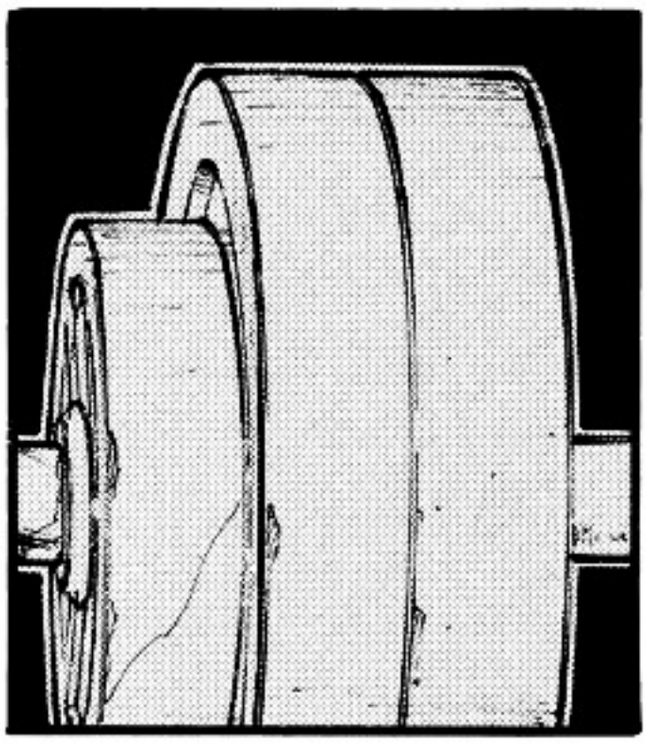
I'D GIVE IT EVERY-THIN' I'VE GOT.

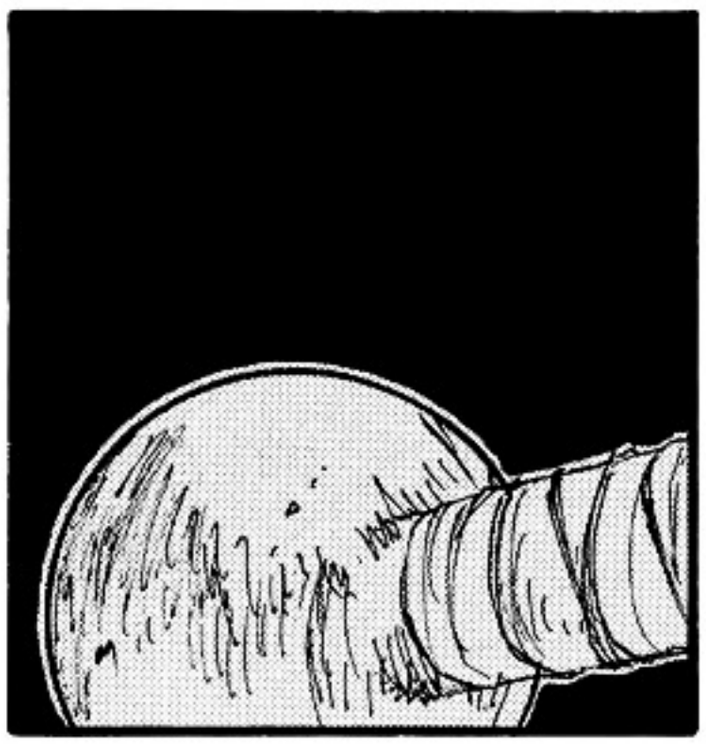
IF I WERE THAT BITCH, I WOULDN'T HOLD NOTHIN' BACK.

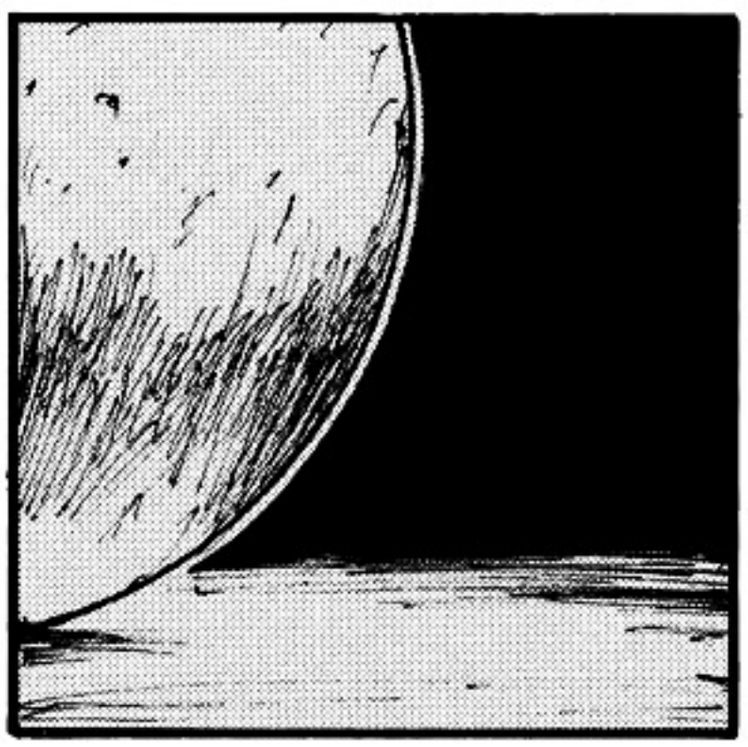
...
...

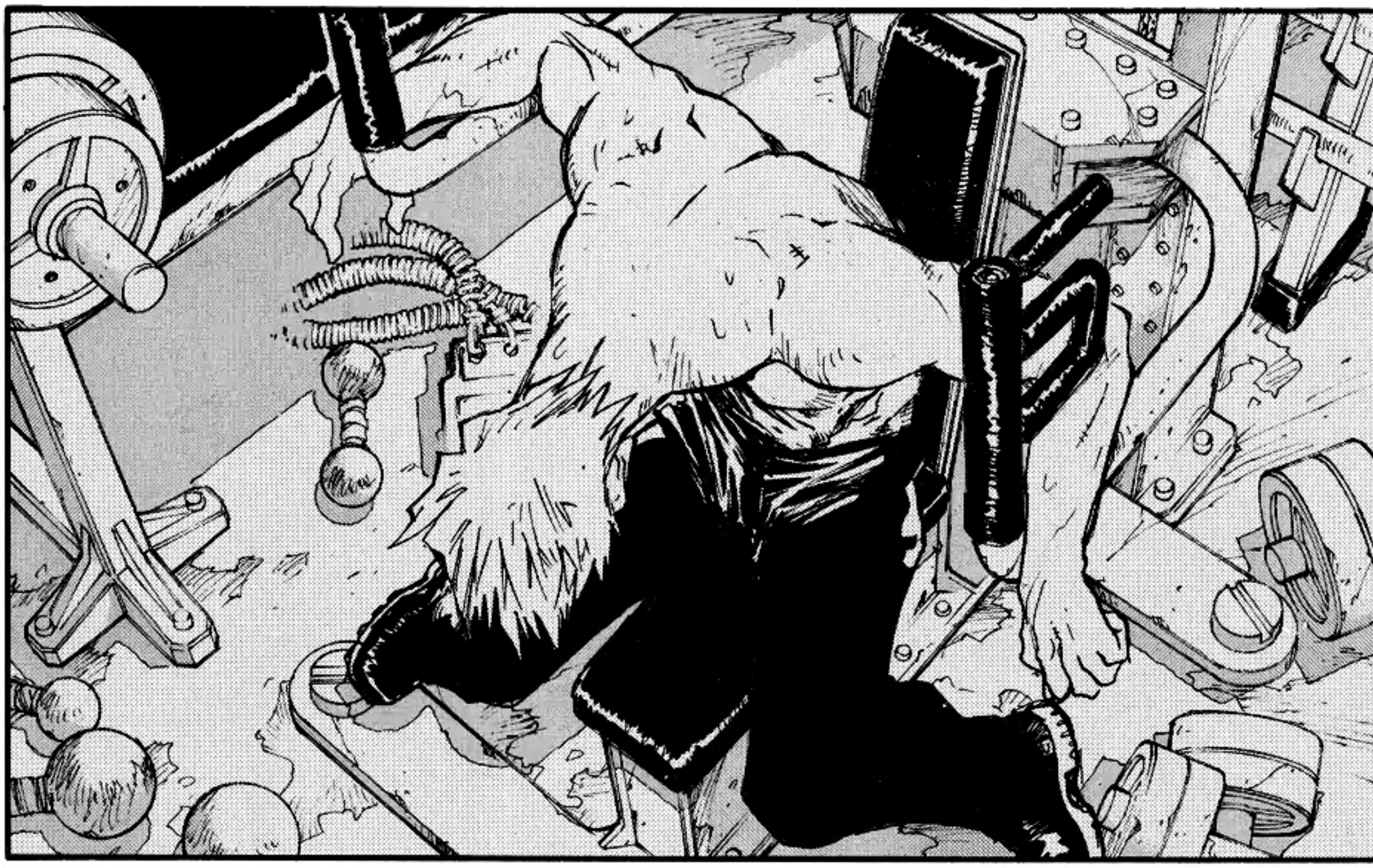
I...

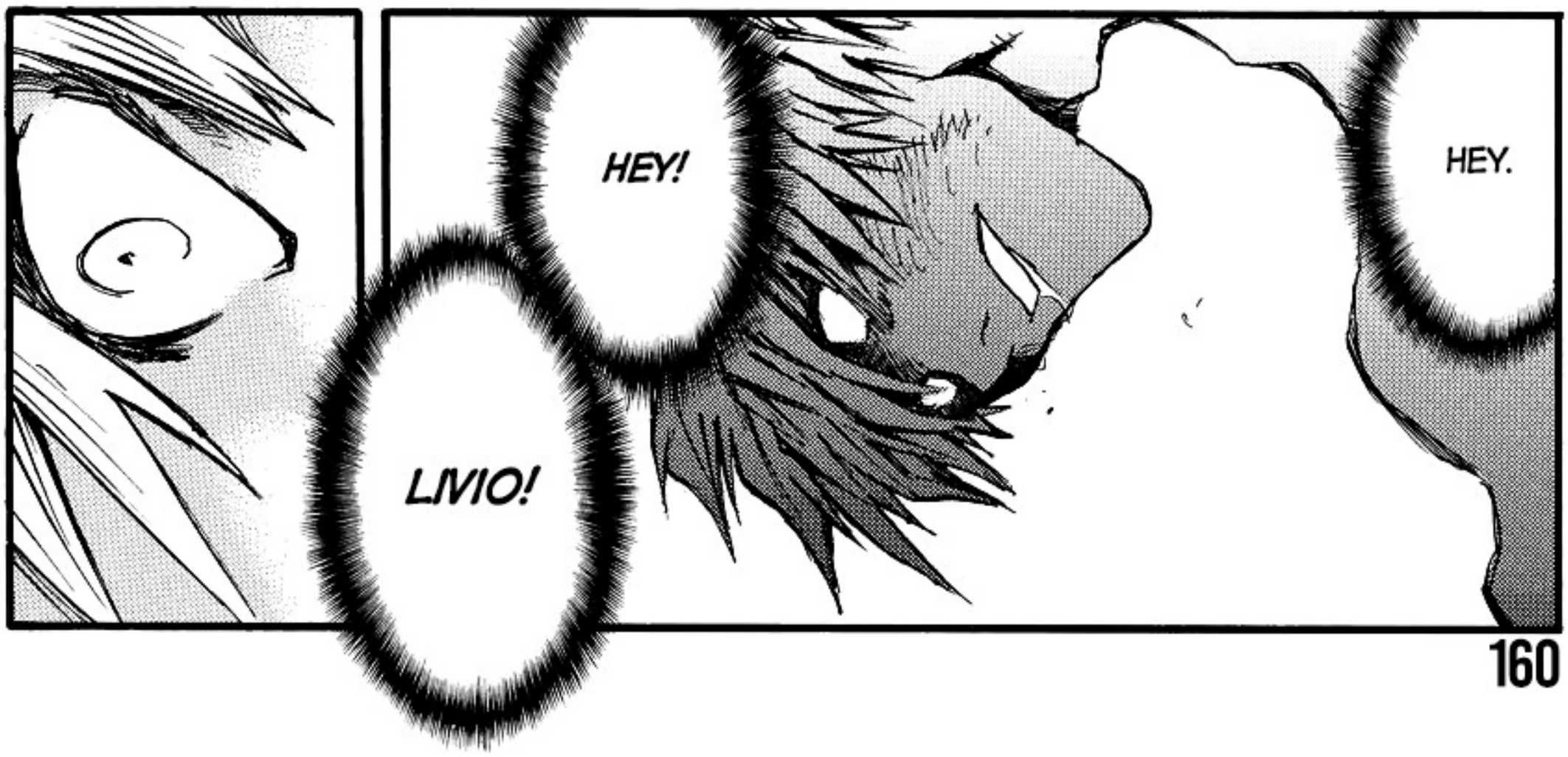
I OWE YA, RAZLO.





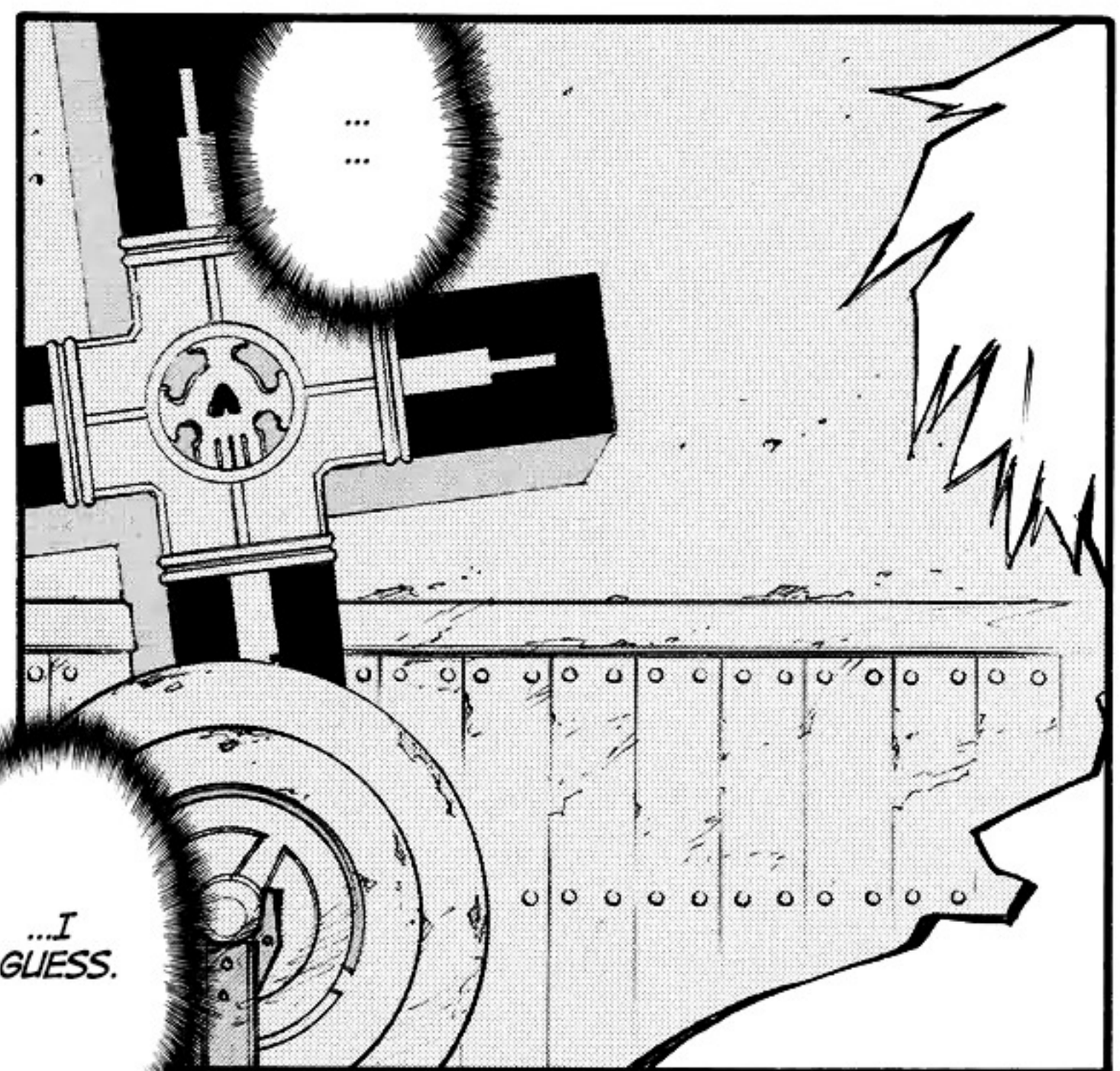




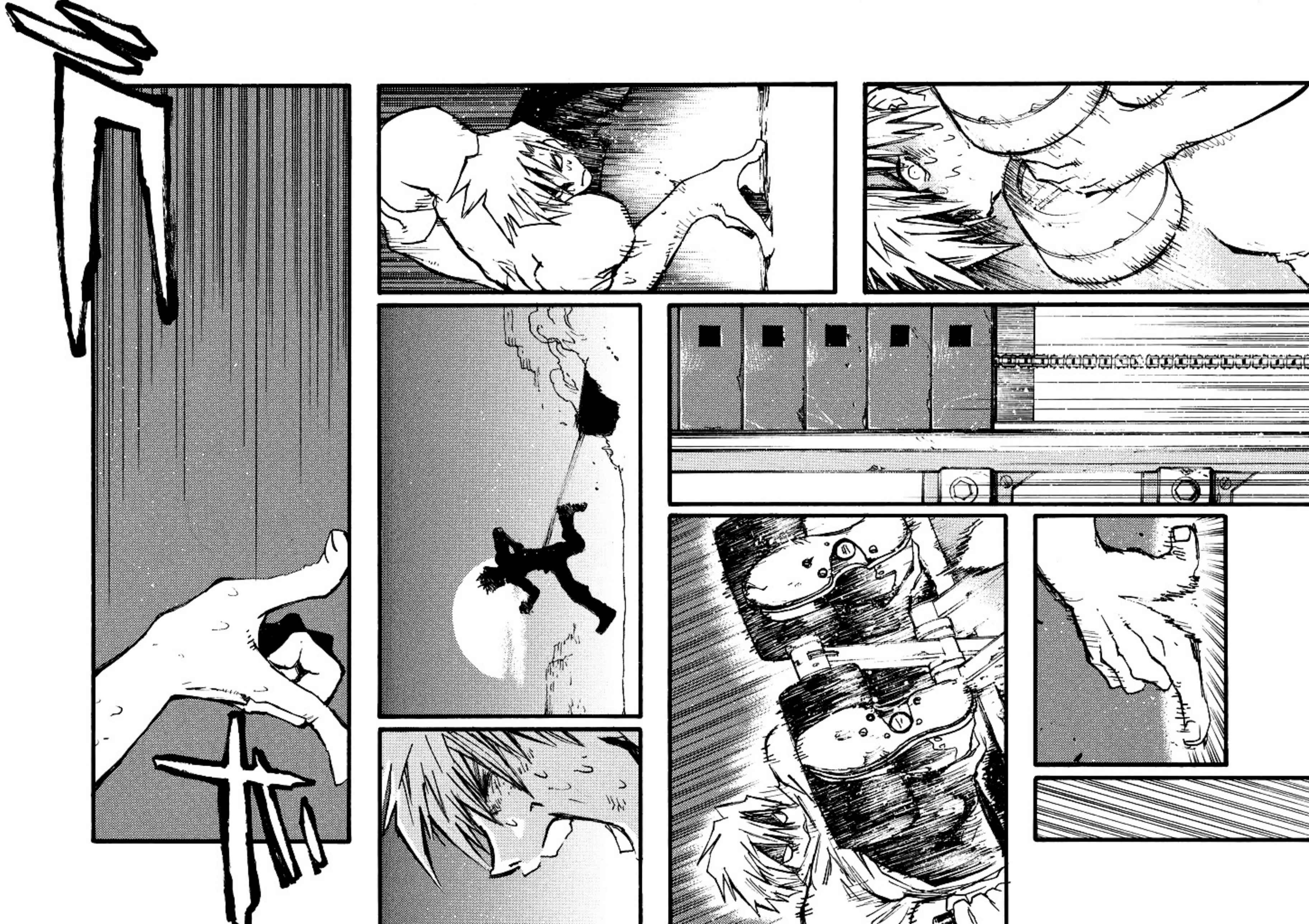

HEY!
HEY.
LIVIO!

I TOLD YA NOT TO PUSH IT 'TIL YA PASS OUT!
YA DID IT AGAIN!
AH, SHIT.
AH...
I KNOW, I KNOW.
...YEAH...
YA STUPID FUCK, IT'S NOT JUST YER BODY!

...TO STAY IN THE EYE OF MICHAEL, RIGHT?
...I HAVE TO KEEP GOING LIKE THIS...
BUT...

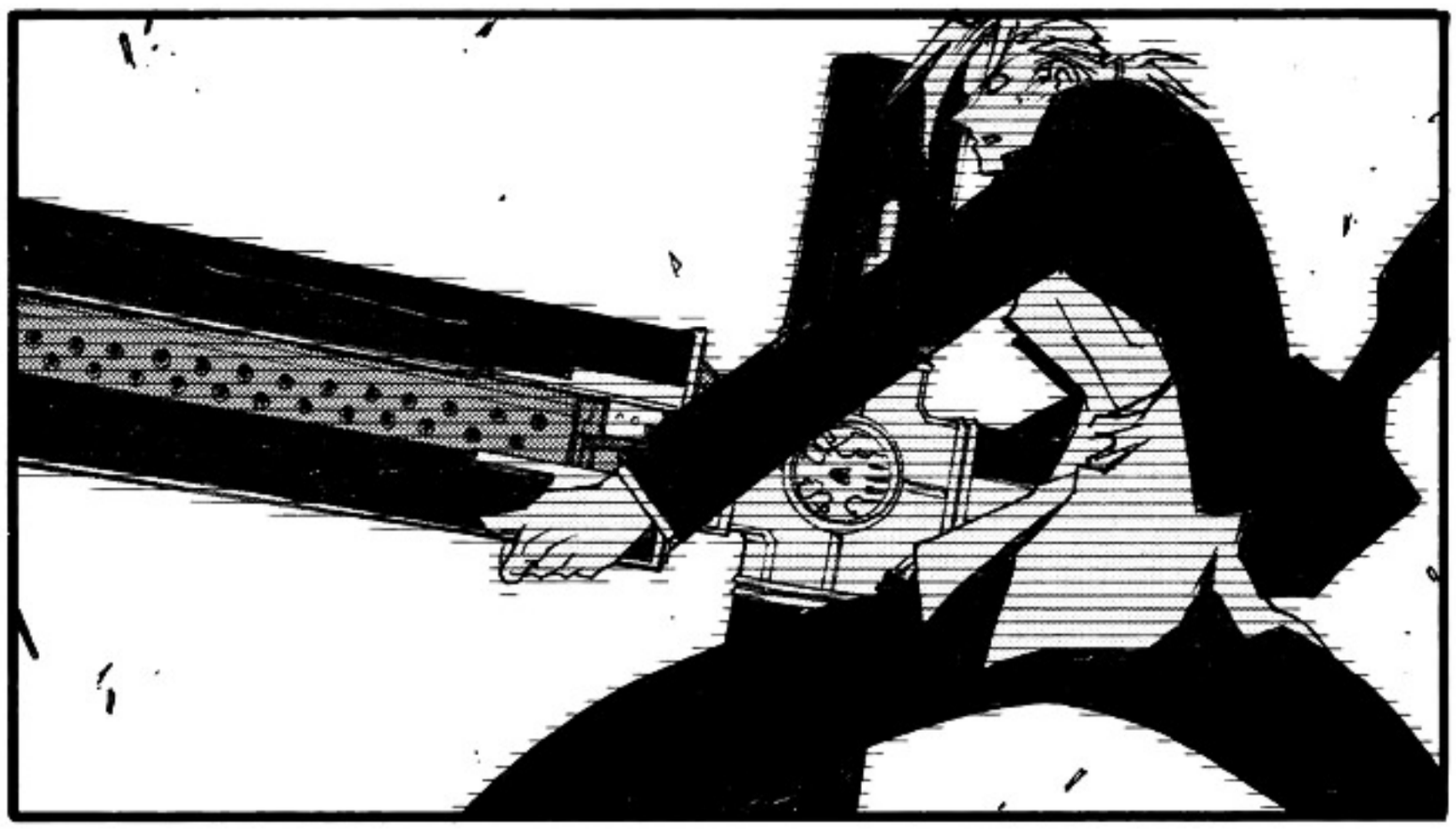

...
...
...I GUESS.

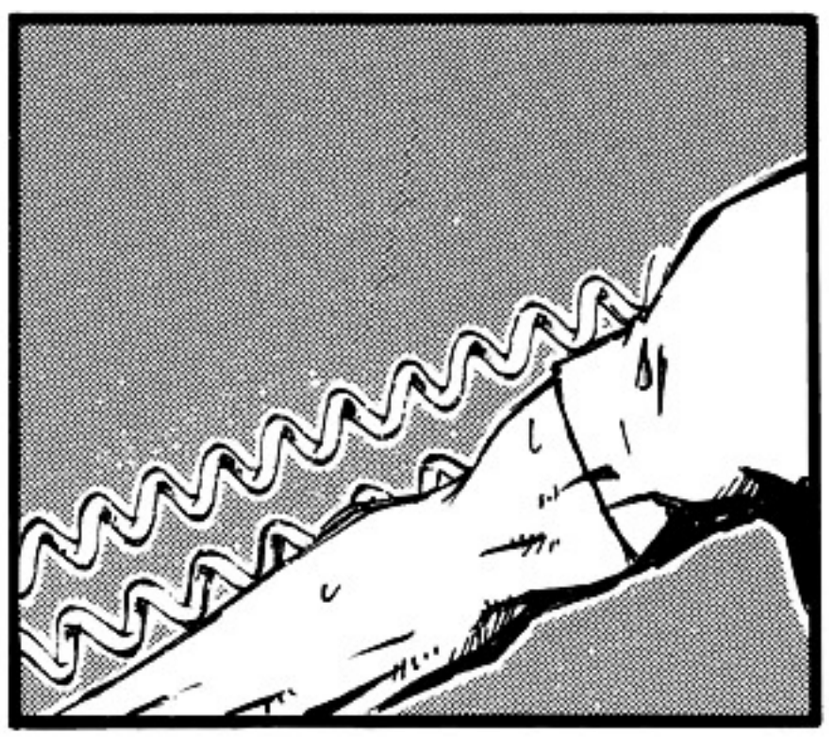
I'M NOT...
...LIKE YOU.

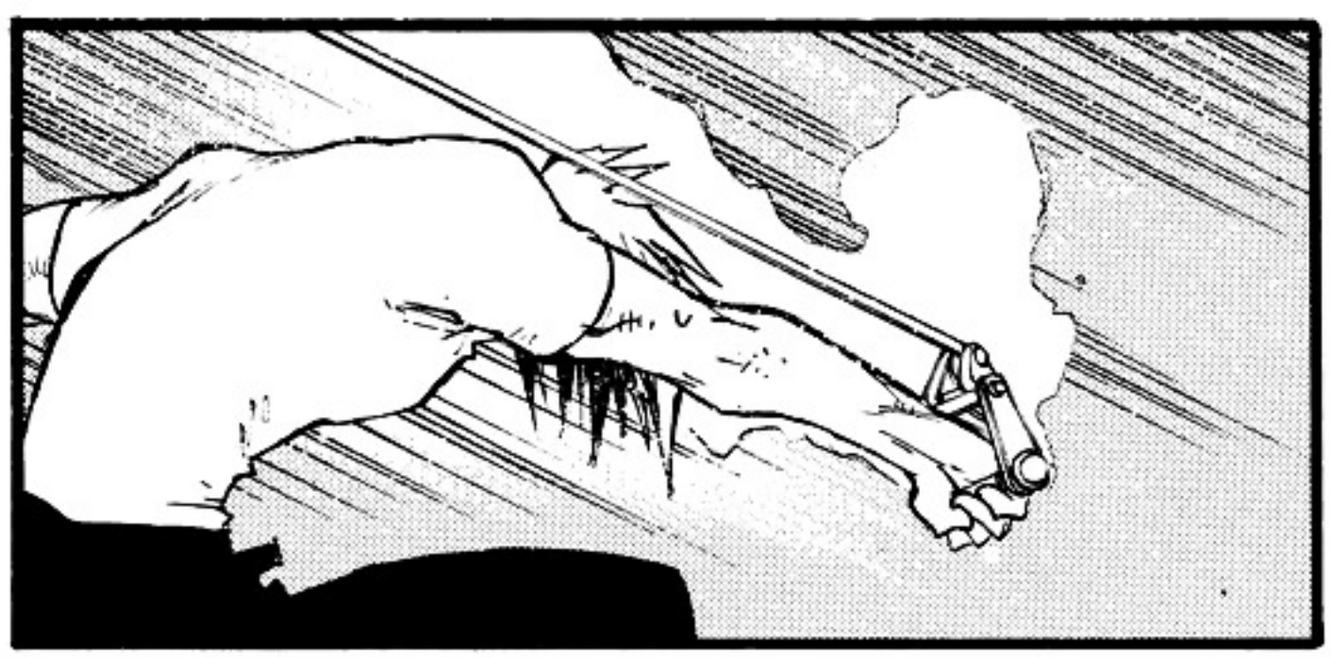


I'LL NEVER FORGET IT.

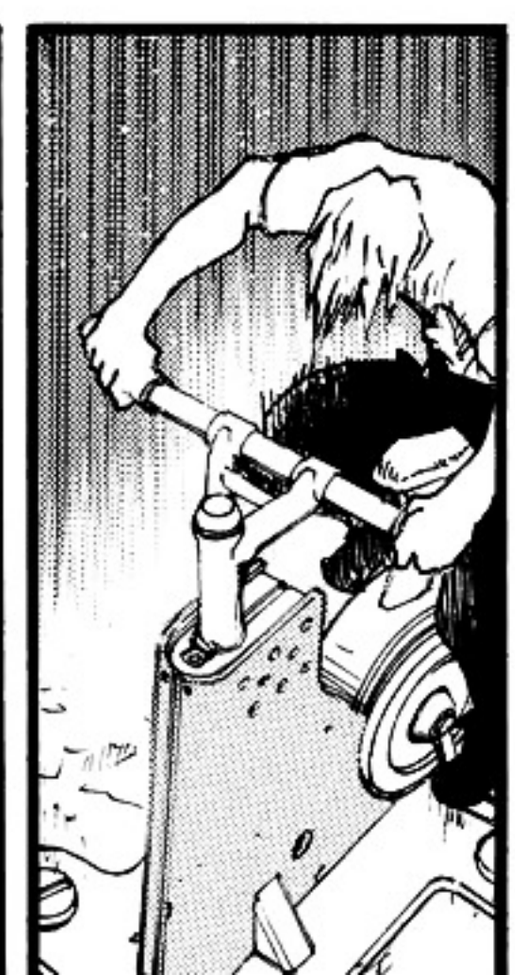
AM I THE STRONG-EST?!
OH.
HUH?
LIVIO!
ANSWER ME, ASSHOLE! AM I THE STRONG-EST?!
Y-
YES!
LOUDER!
OKAY!
YER THE STRONG-EST!

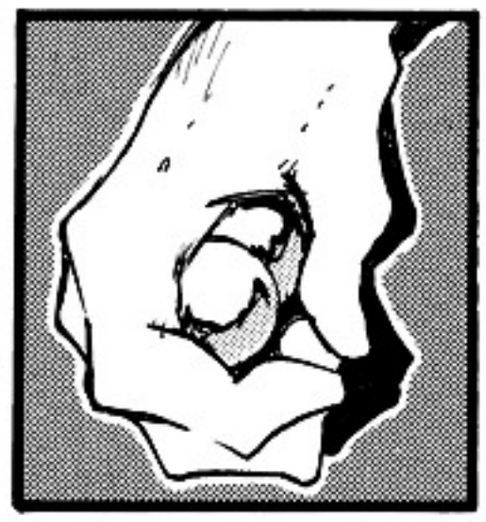


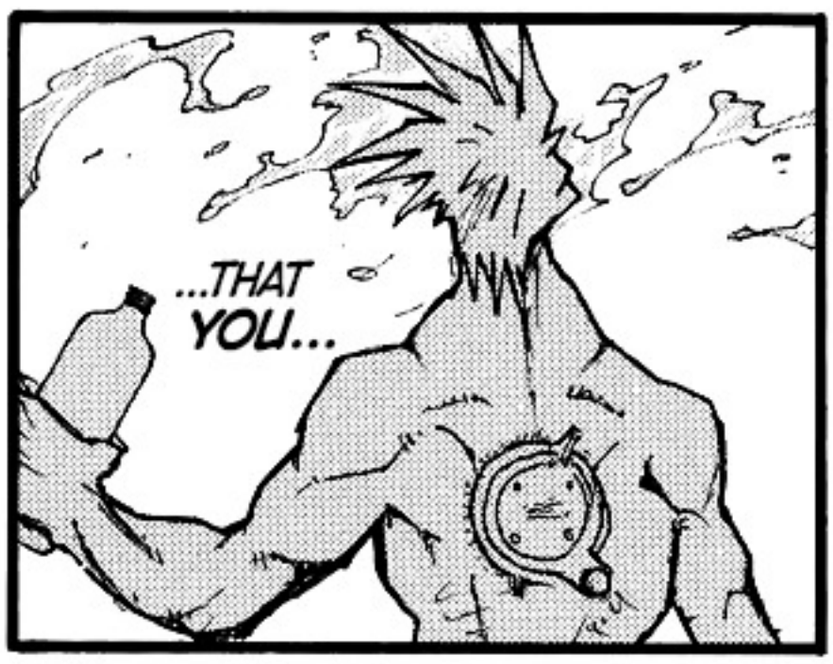




YER GODDAMN RIGHT, LIVIO.







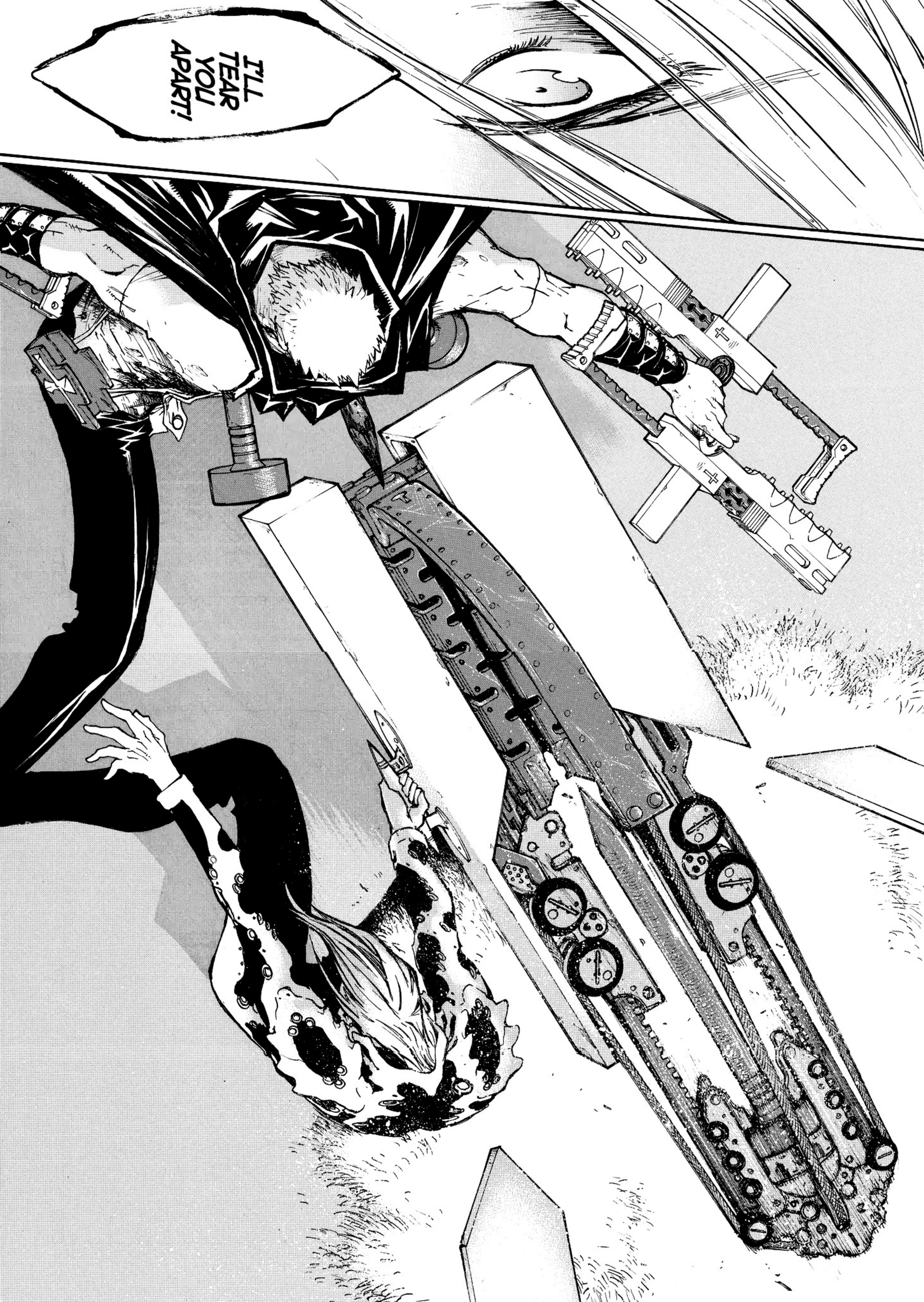
...ARE THE STRONGEST.

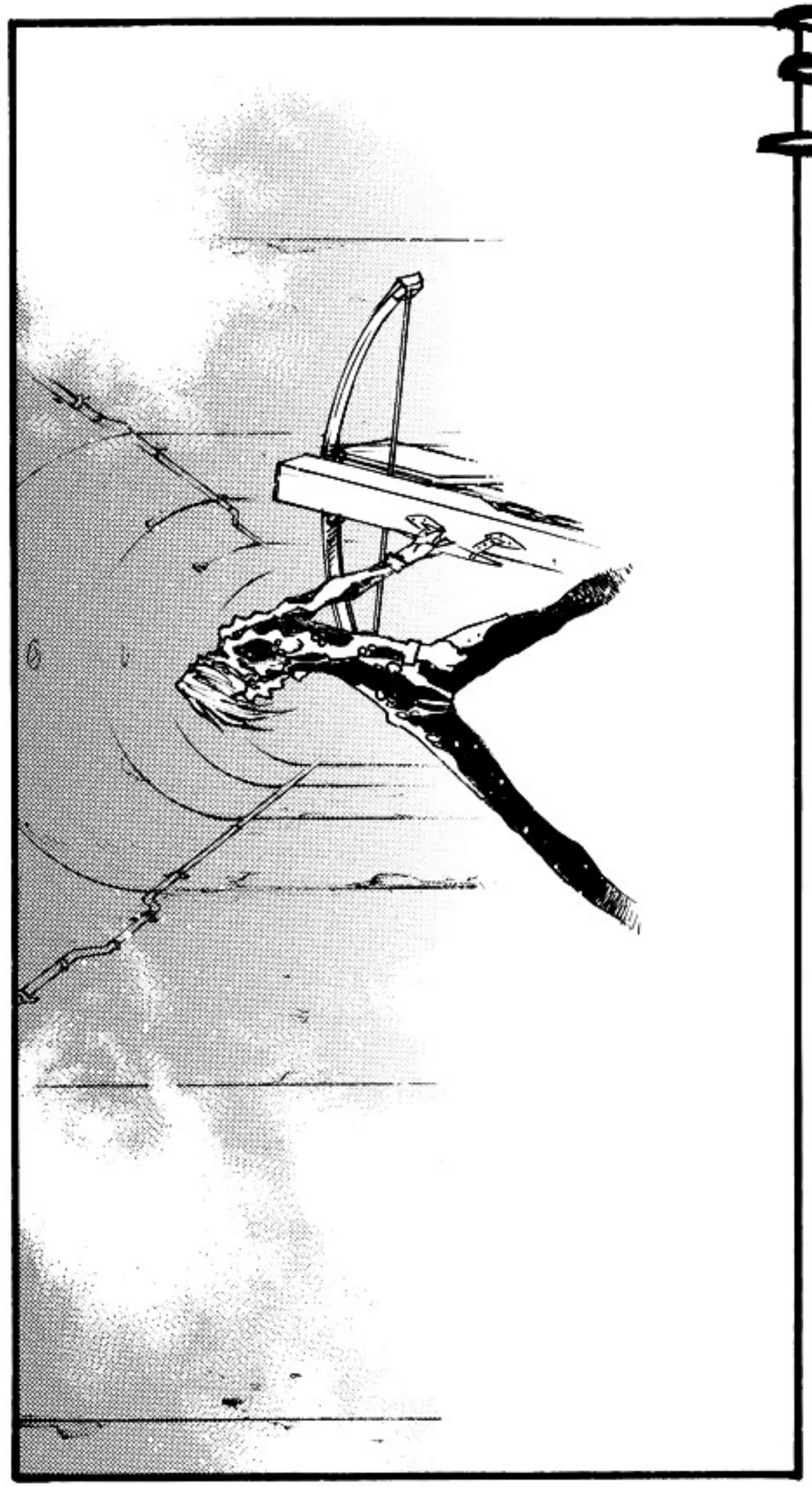
COME AT ME, DICK-HEAD!
DON'T HOLD BACK!

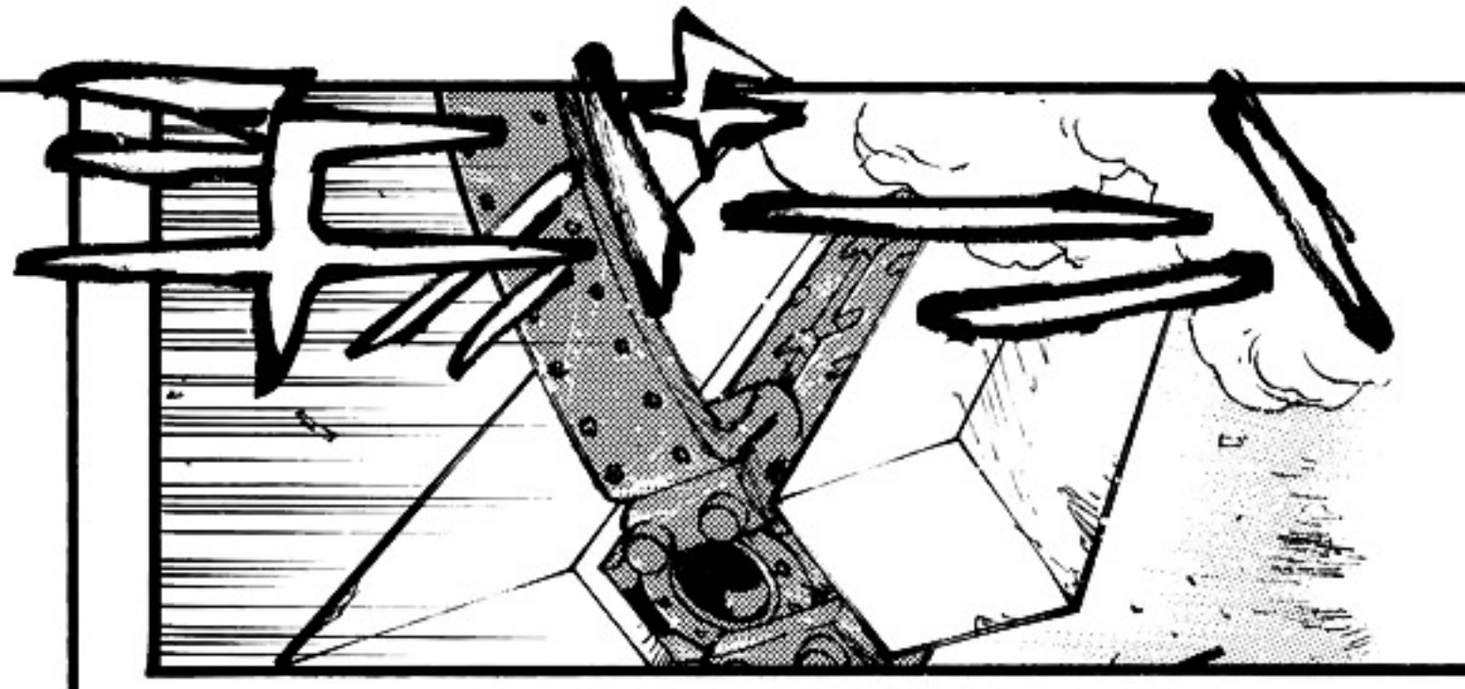
AAA
AAA
AA!!
AA
AA
AH!
AH!

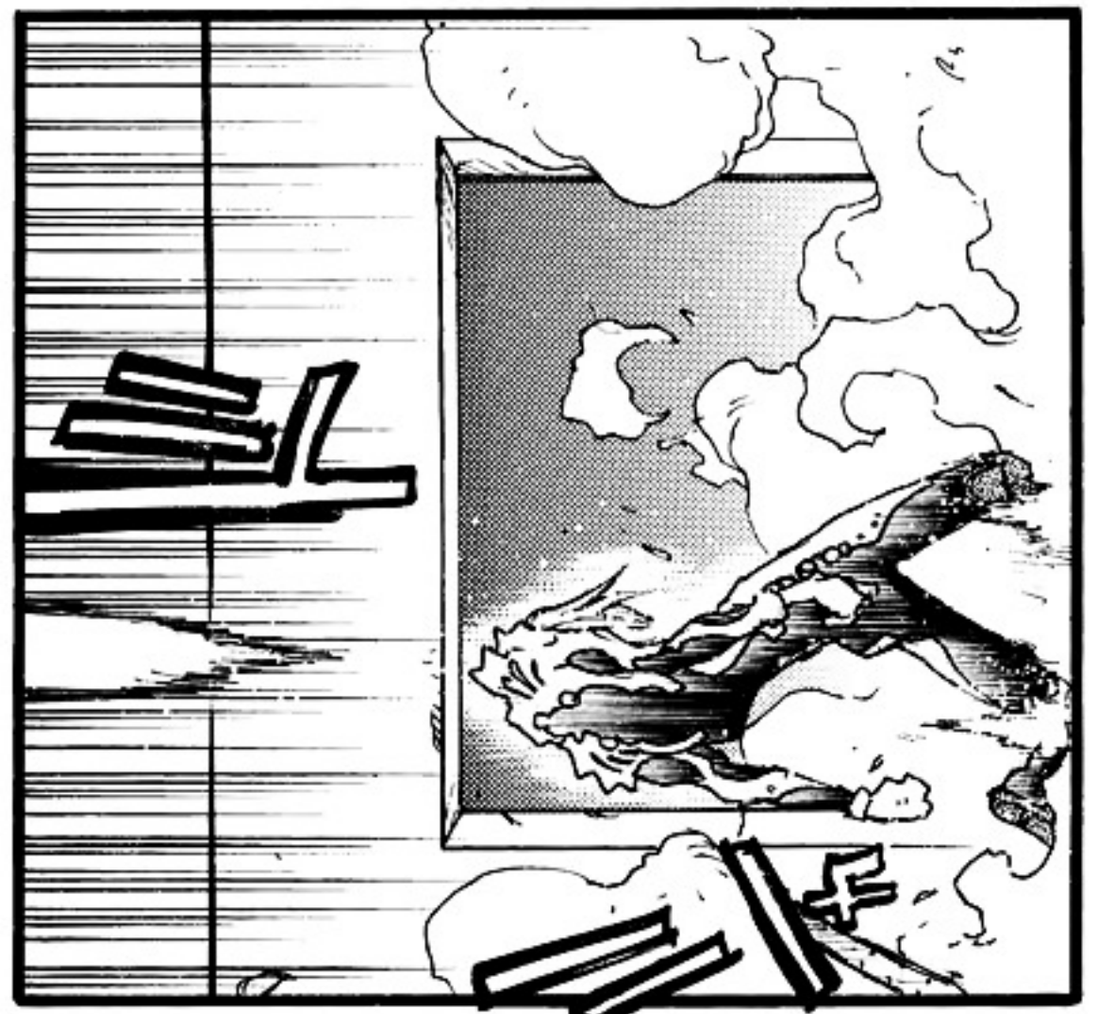
DID IT WORK?!
NO.

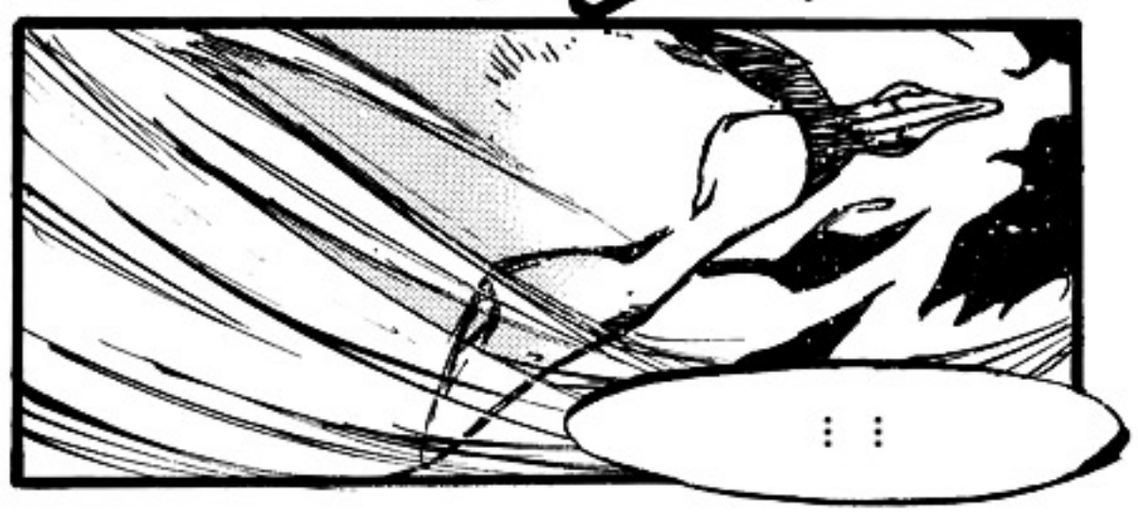
HERE IT COMES!
YA HAVEN'T SEEN...
...HER FINISHIN' MOVE YET.

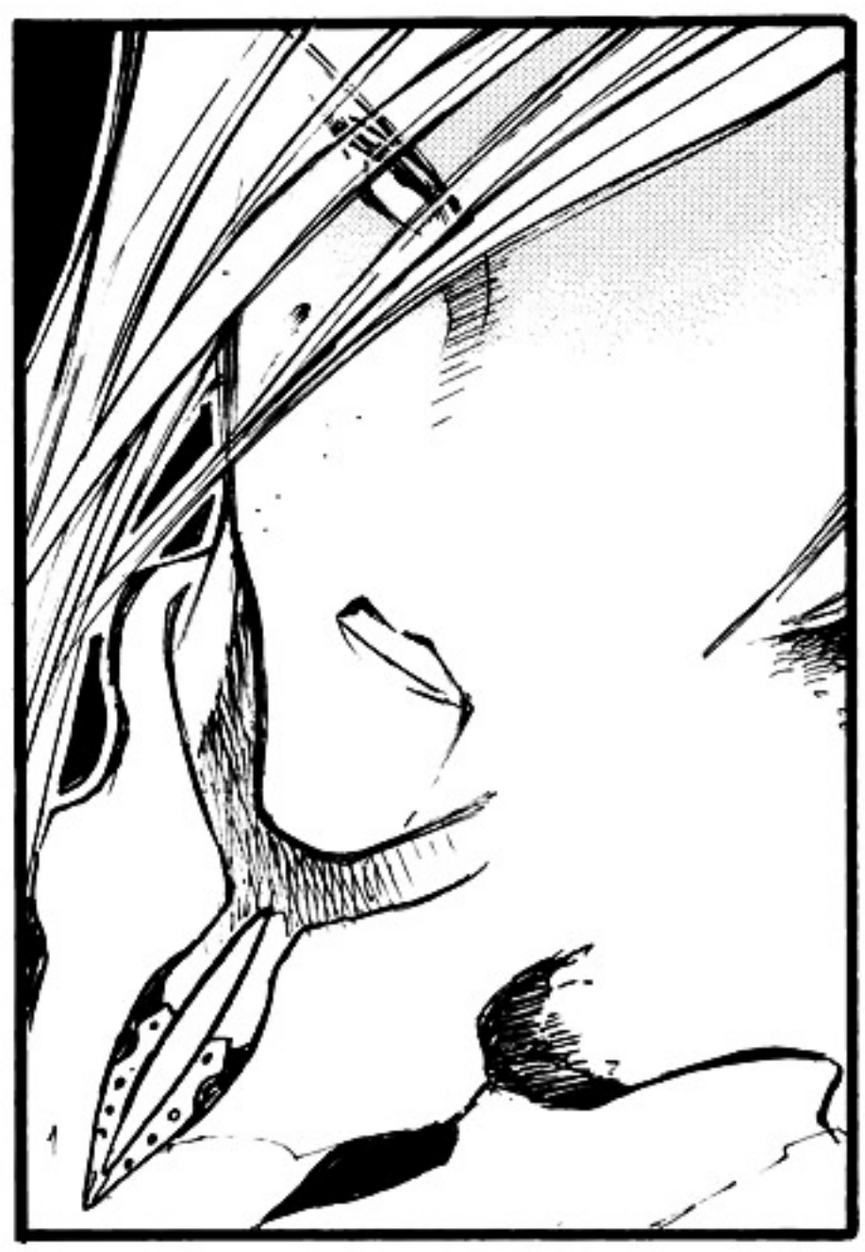

I'LL TEAR YOU APART!

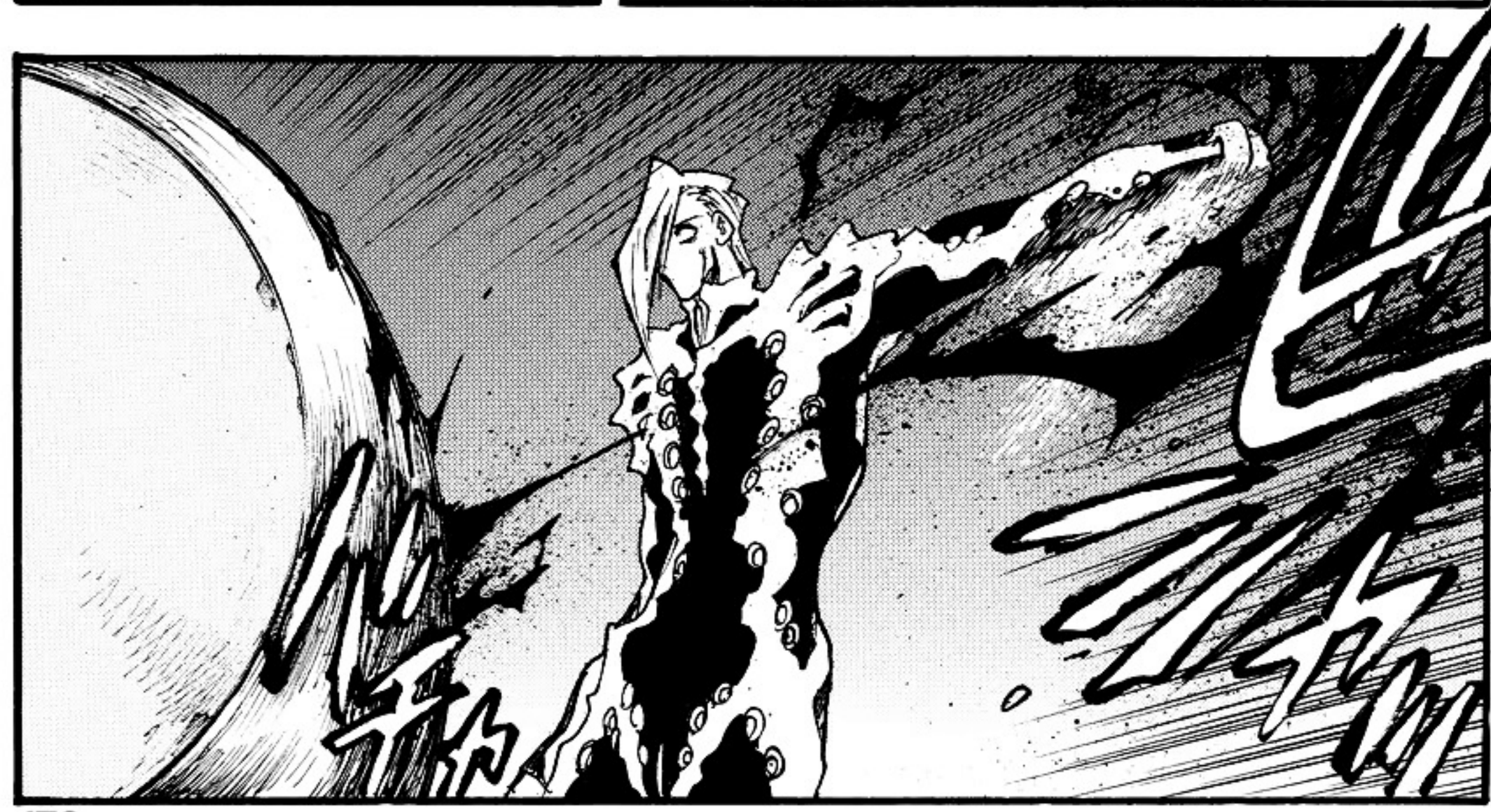


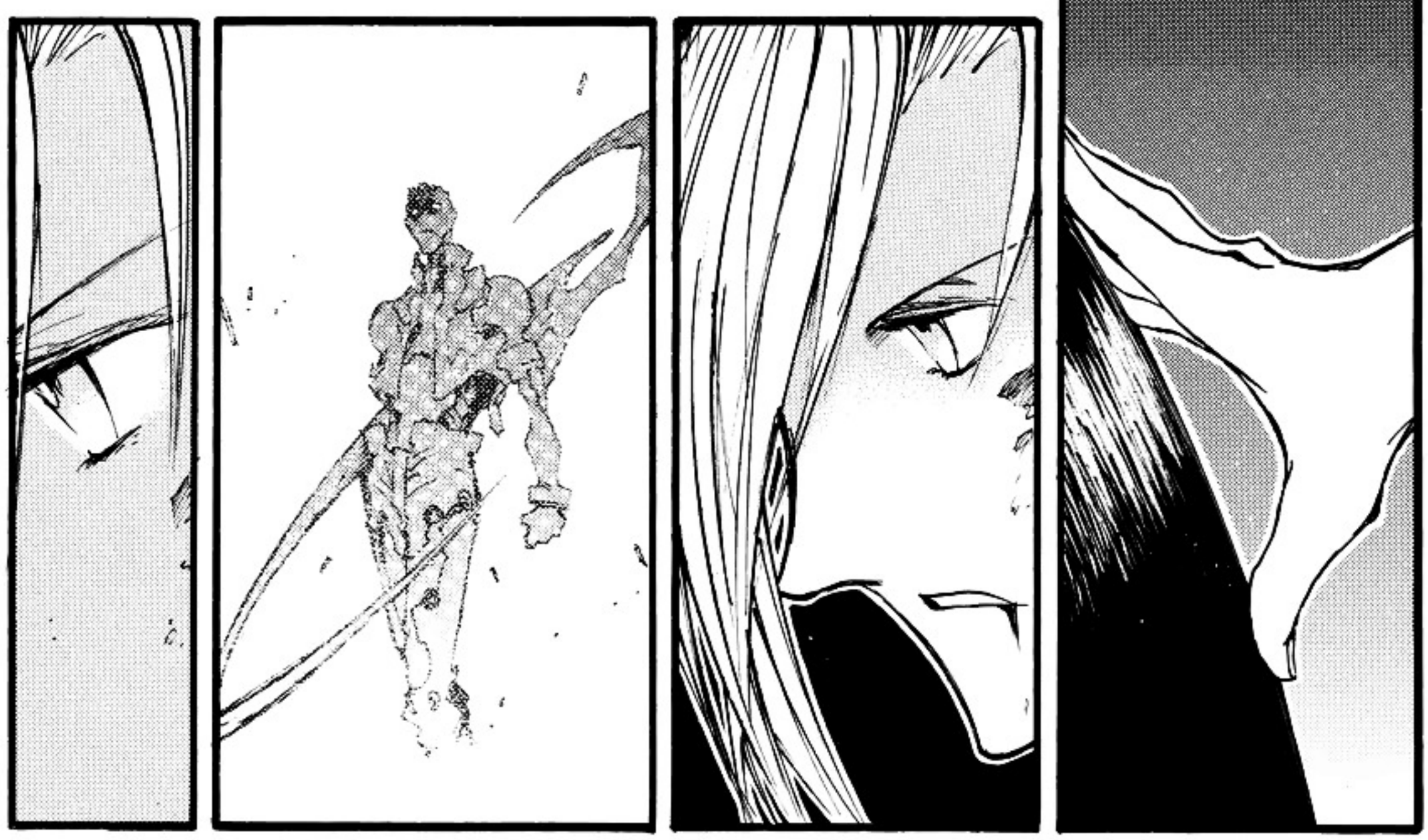


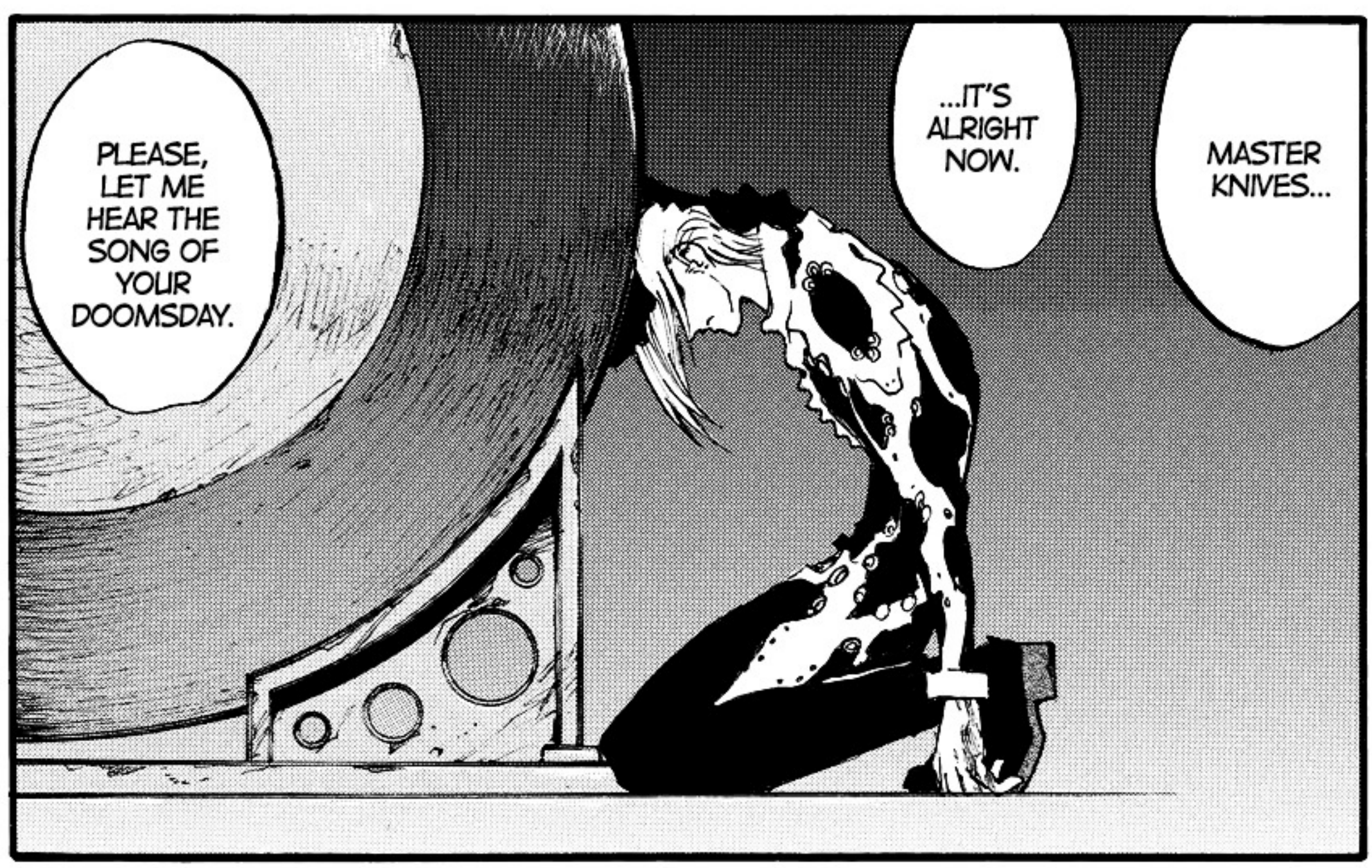






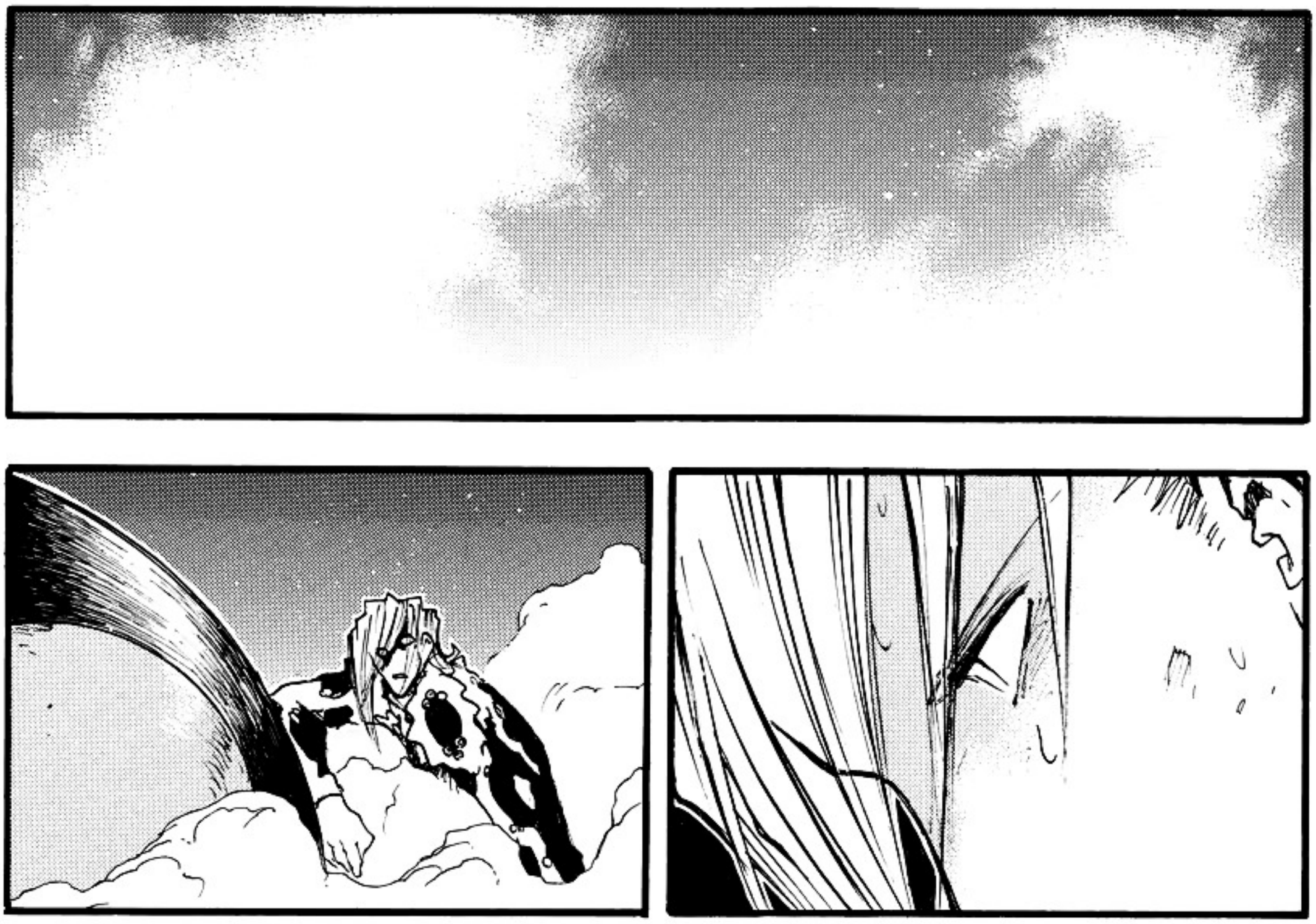


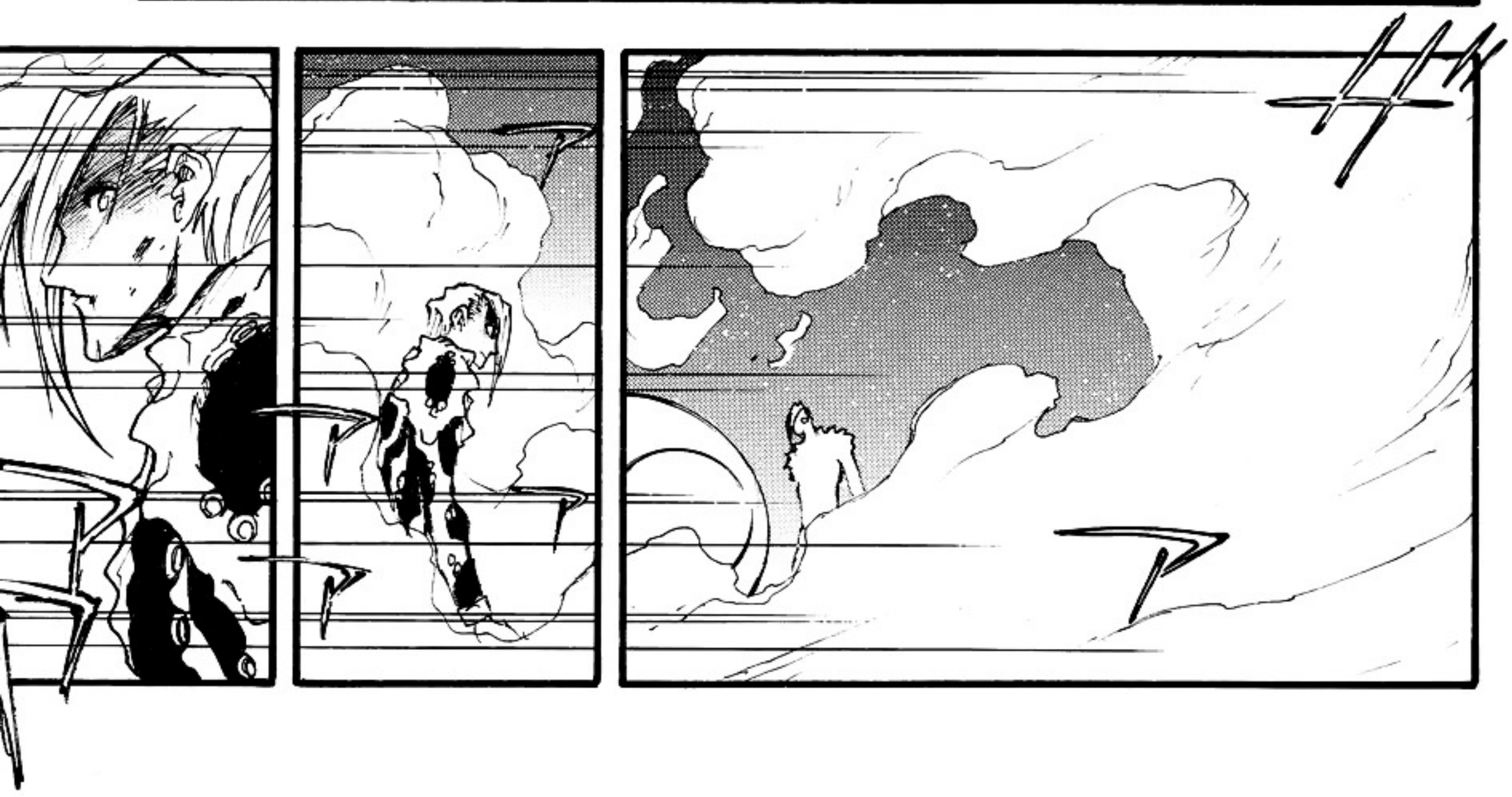




...I'LL USE THIS TO MAKE IT ALL GO AWAY.

EVEN IF BY CHANCE IT DOESN'T TURN OUT LIKE YOU EXPECT...

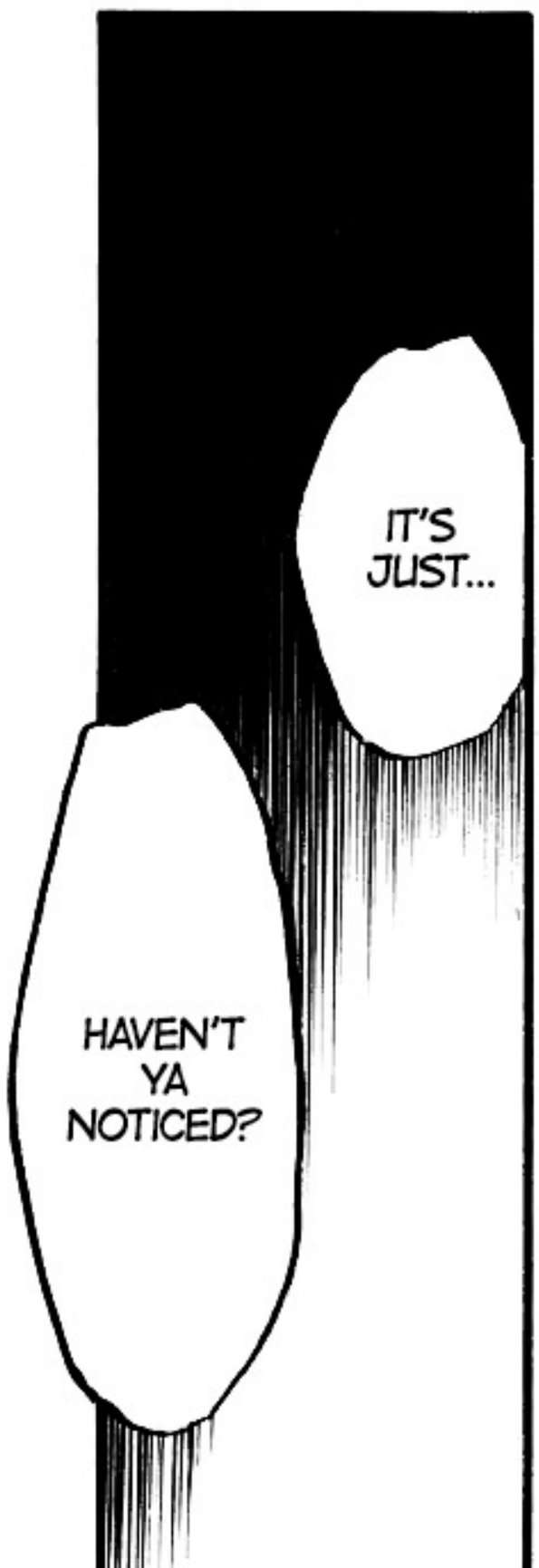




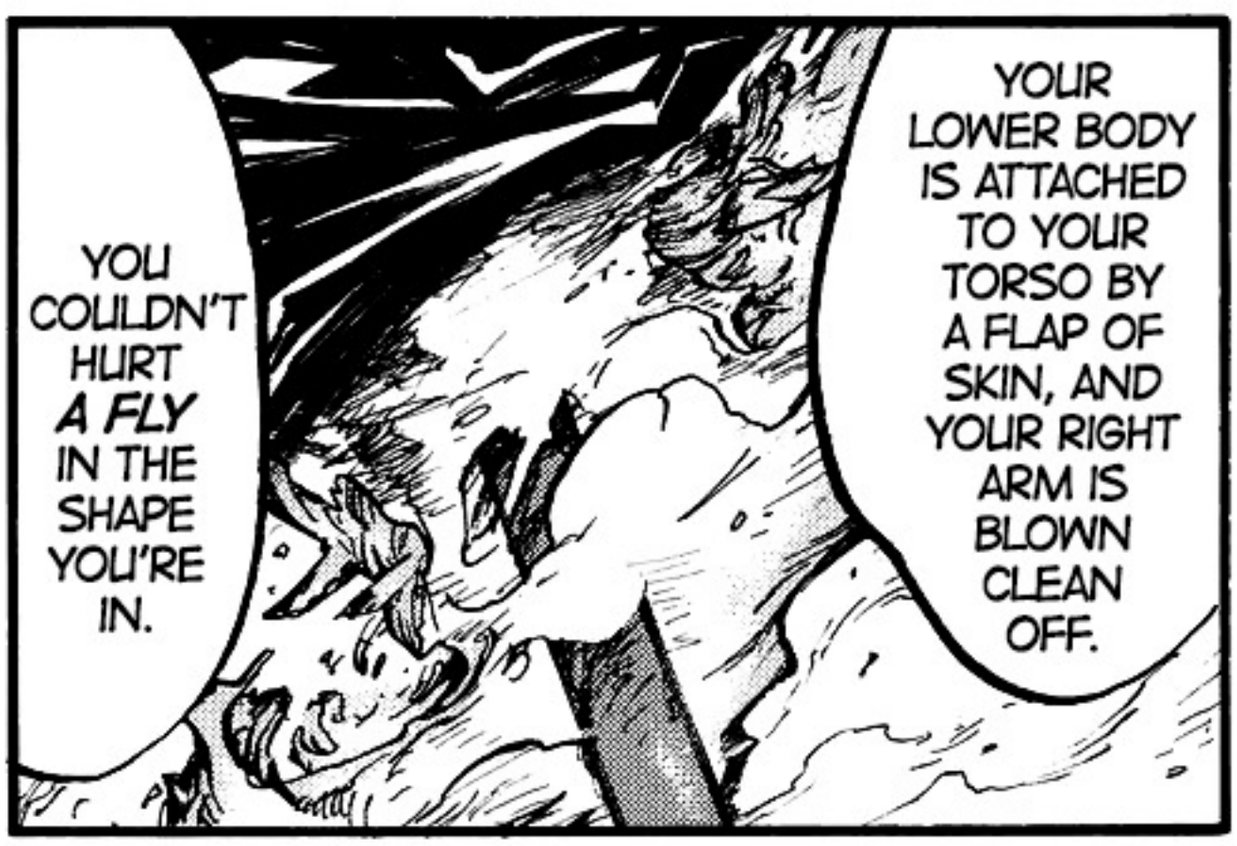
YOU SHOULD BE DEAD BY NOW, YOU TAT-TERED CORPSE!

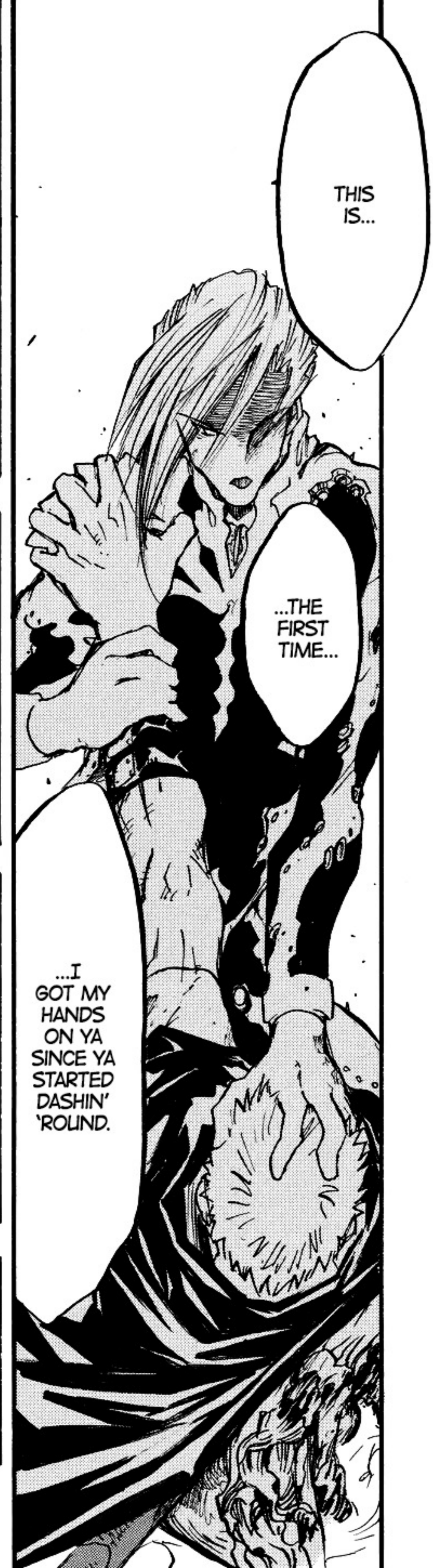
STAY DOWN!

...
...



SO WHAT?
...
...


YOU COULDN'T HURT *A FLY* IN THE SHAPE YOU'RE IN.
YOUR LOWER BODY IS ATTACHED TO YOUR TORSO BY A FLAP OF SKIN, AND YOUR RIGHT ARM IS BLOWN CLEAN OFF.


THIS IS...
...THE FIRST TIME...
...I GOT MY HANDS ON YA SINCE YA STARTED DASHIN' 'ROUND.

DON'T YA GET IT?
LISTEN HERE!
ALL I GOTTA DO NOW IS CRUSH YA!

HOW?

THIS IS CRAZY.

HOW CAN HE DO THIS?!

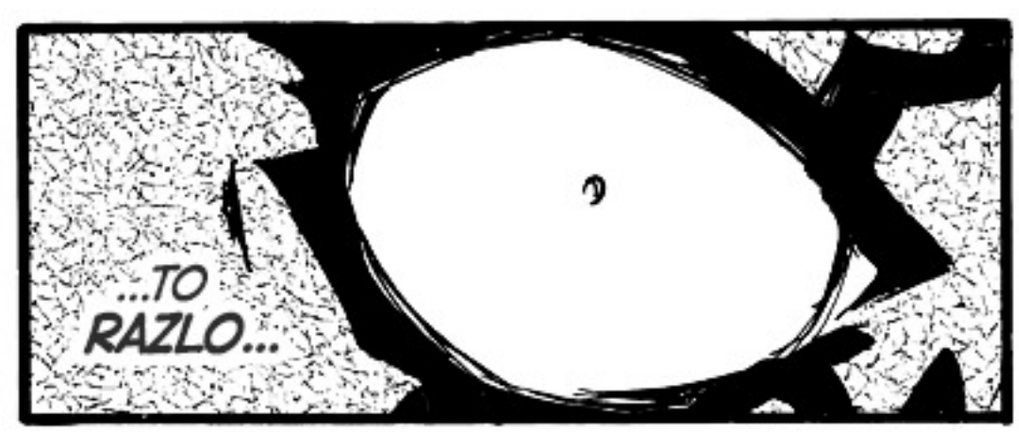
HIS BODY IS IN SHREDS.

YER TOO STRONG...

YER GONNA LOSE.

NOT BECAUSE YER WEAK...

...BUT BECAUSE **WE** HELP EACH OTHER.



NOT YET!

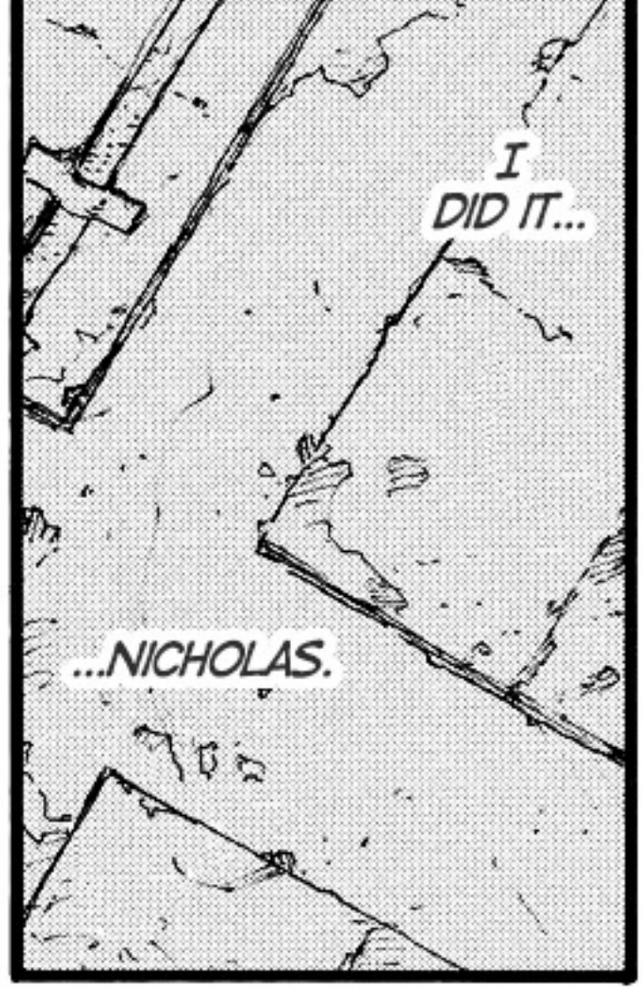
NOT YET...

...LET IT END THIS WAY...

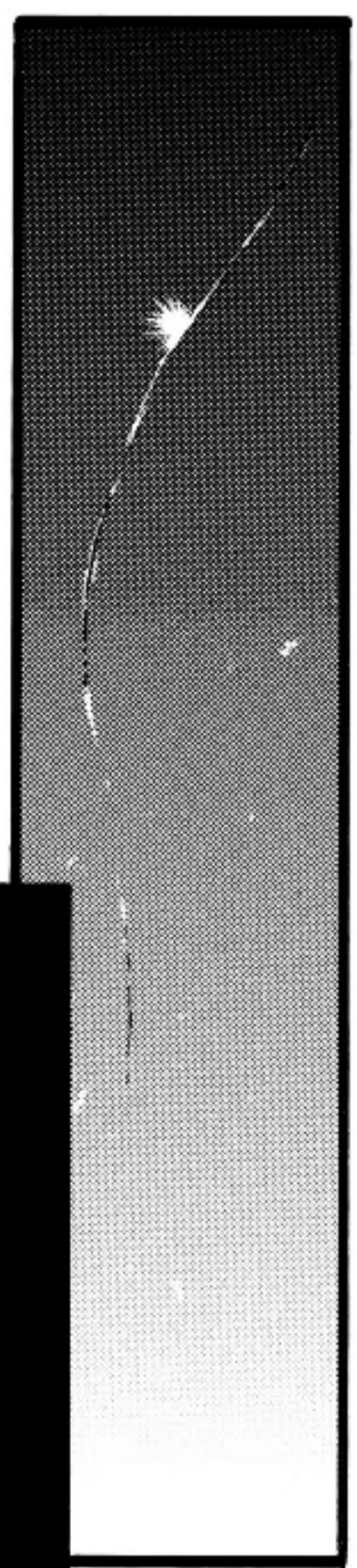
I CAN'T...

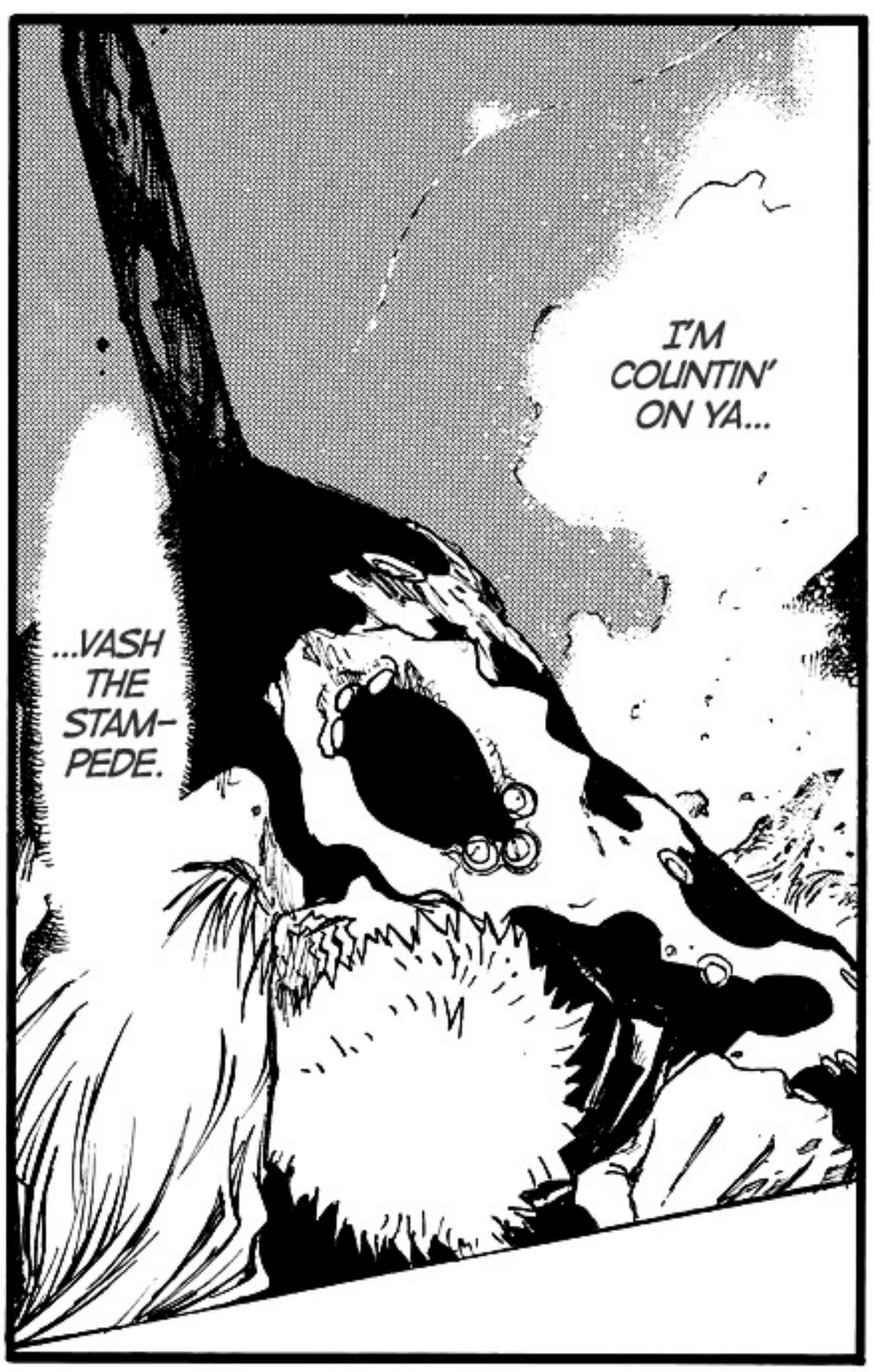
FORGIVE ME...

#08.
TIPPED WINGS


I DID IT...
...NICHOLAS.

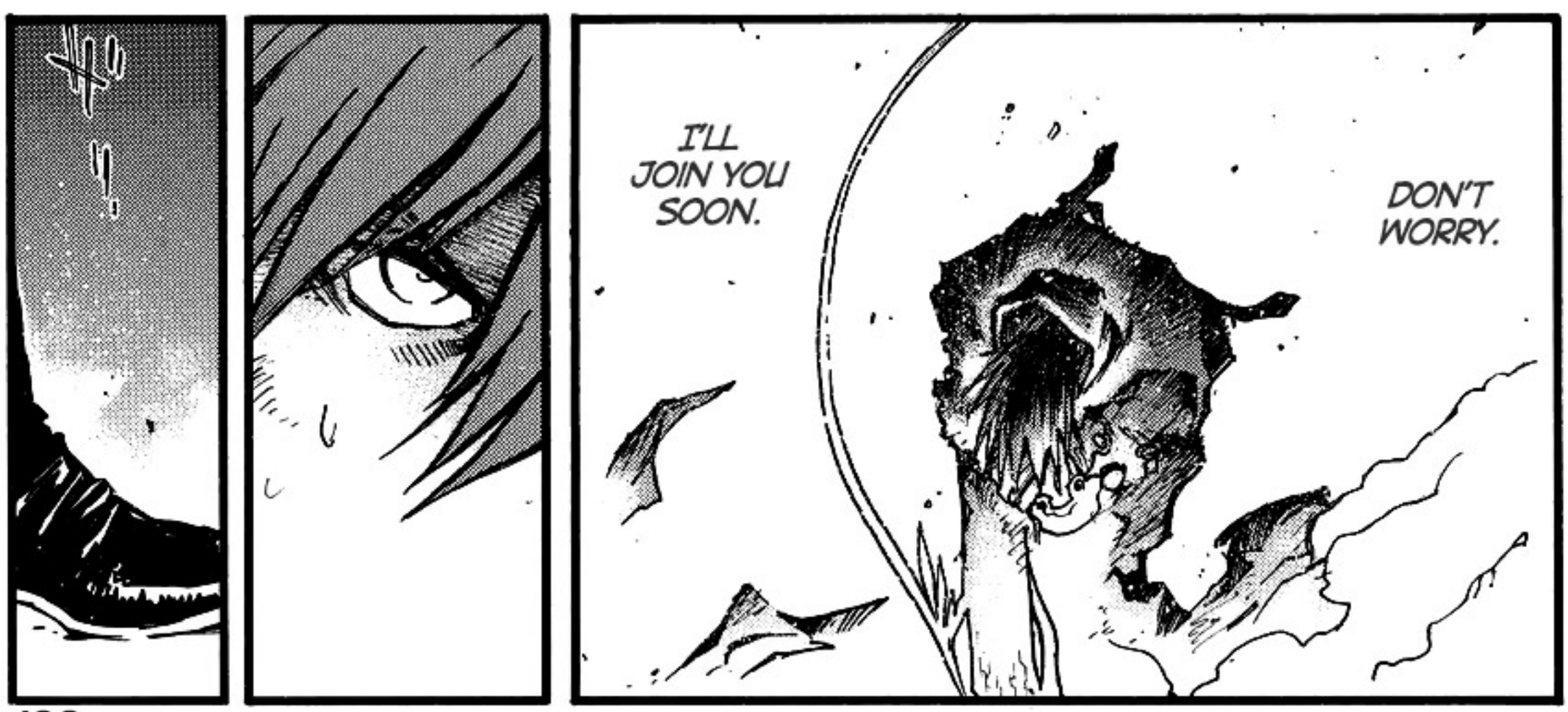
I COULDN'T LET YA DOWN.
DID YA SEE ME?




I'M COUNTIN' ON YA...
...VASH THE STAM-PEDE.

I'M SURE HE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
I'VE DONE MY PART.

YOU HAVE BEEN DEFEATED...
...CRIMSON NAIL.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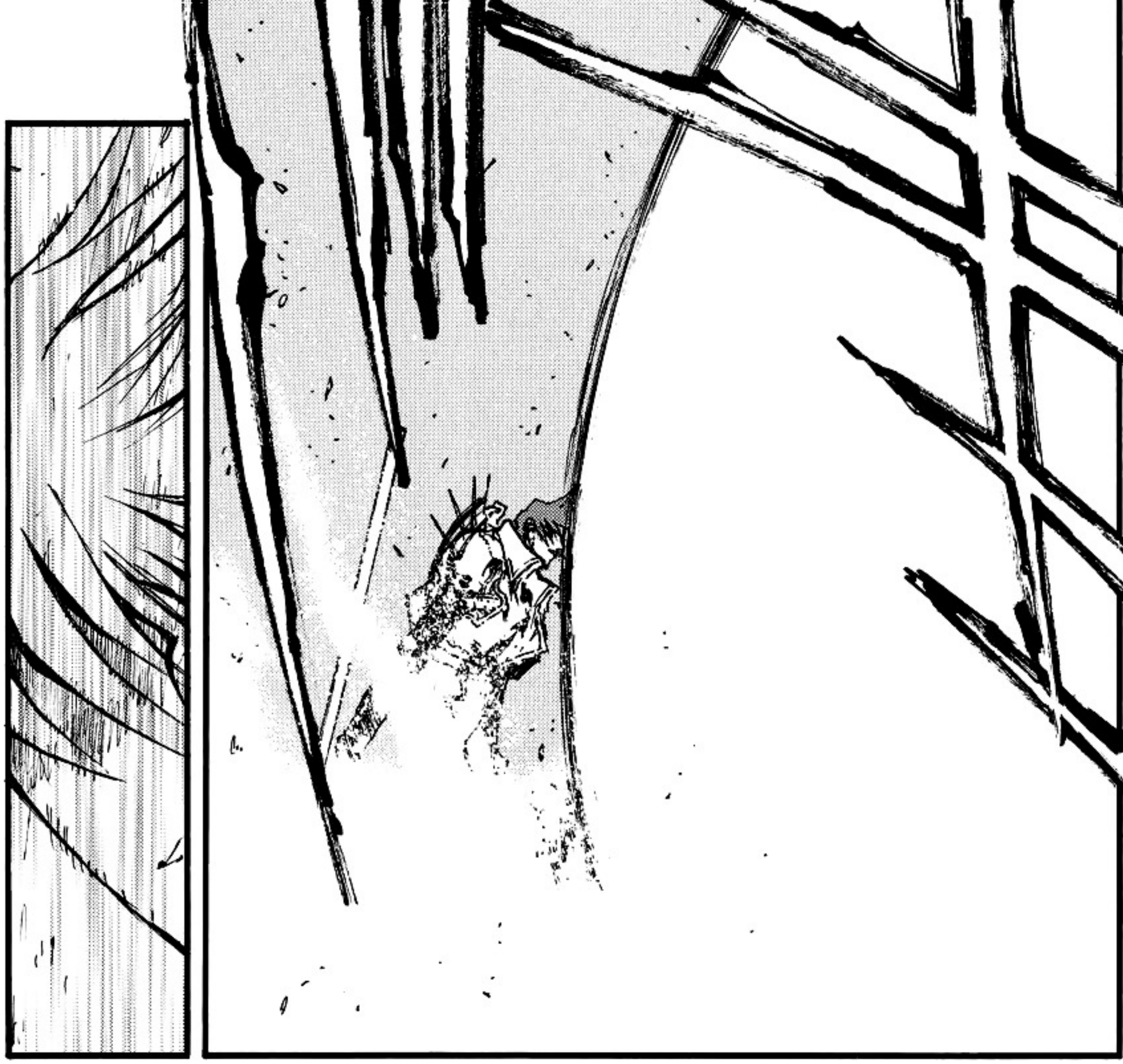
I'LL JOIN YOU SOON.
DON'T WORRY.



AH, SOMETHING JUST PASSED A FEW INCHES FROM ME AT INCREDIBLY HIGH SPEEDS.

I CAN SMELL MY OWN FLESH BURNING.

FULLY AUTOMATIC DEFENSIVE TIPPED WINGS THAT REACT BY REFLEX.

THEY MUST HAVE DEFLECTED MOST OF GUERNICA'S BULLETS.

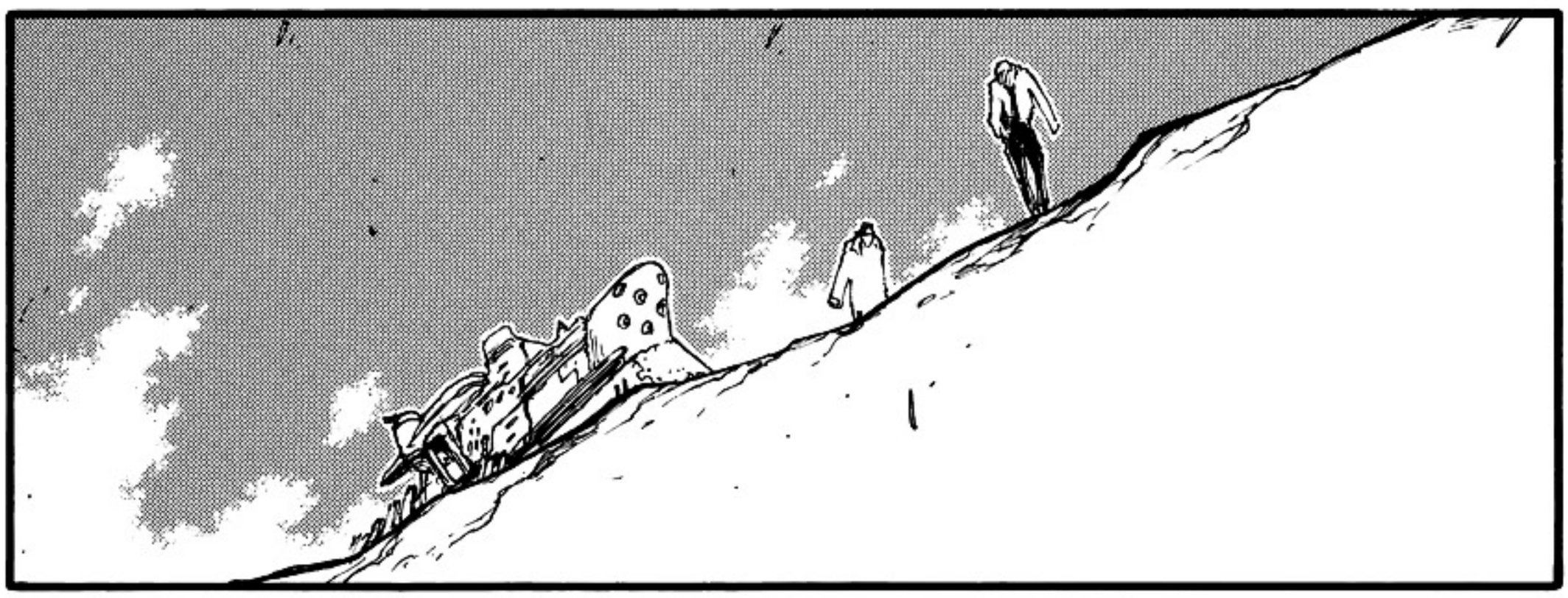
ISN'T IT JUST TYPICAL OF YOU THAT YOUR POWER TAKES THE SHAPE OF A MULTI-LAYERED DEFENCE MECHANISM.

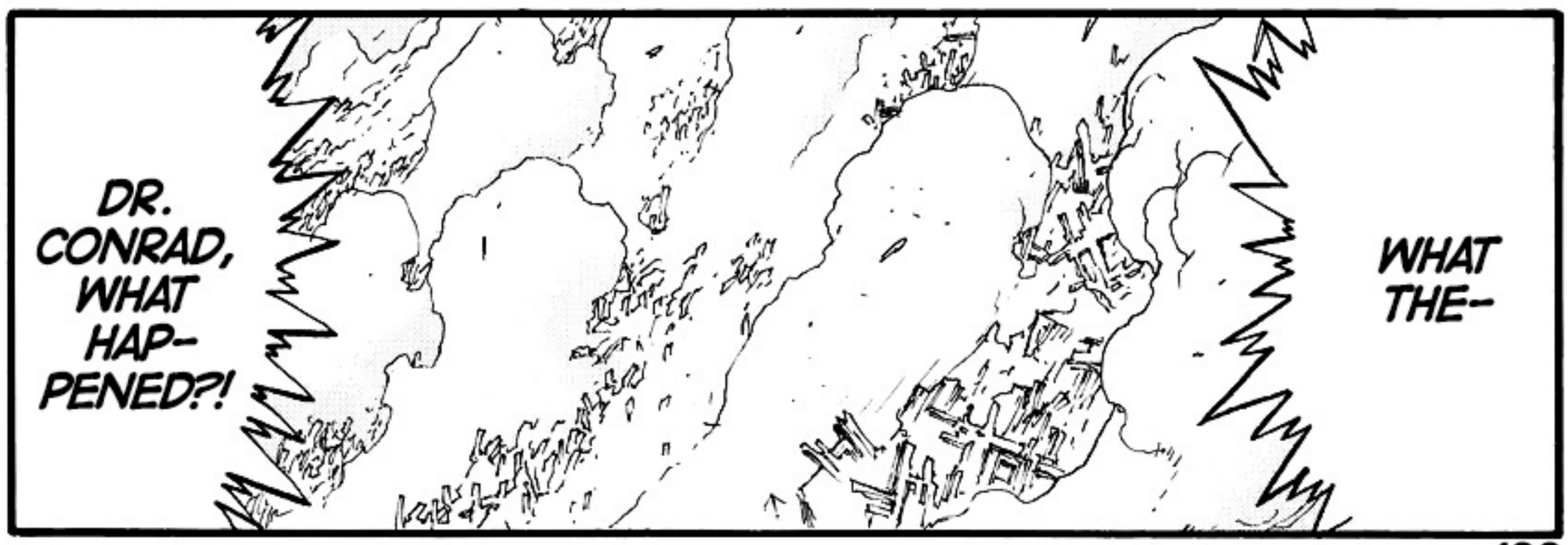
ON TOP OF THAT, THERE IS ENOUGH ENERGY POURING OUT OF HIS BODY THAT IT AFFECTS EVERYTHING AROUND HIM.

...CREATED BY A **TRUE** FORCE OF NATURE.

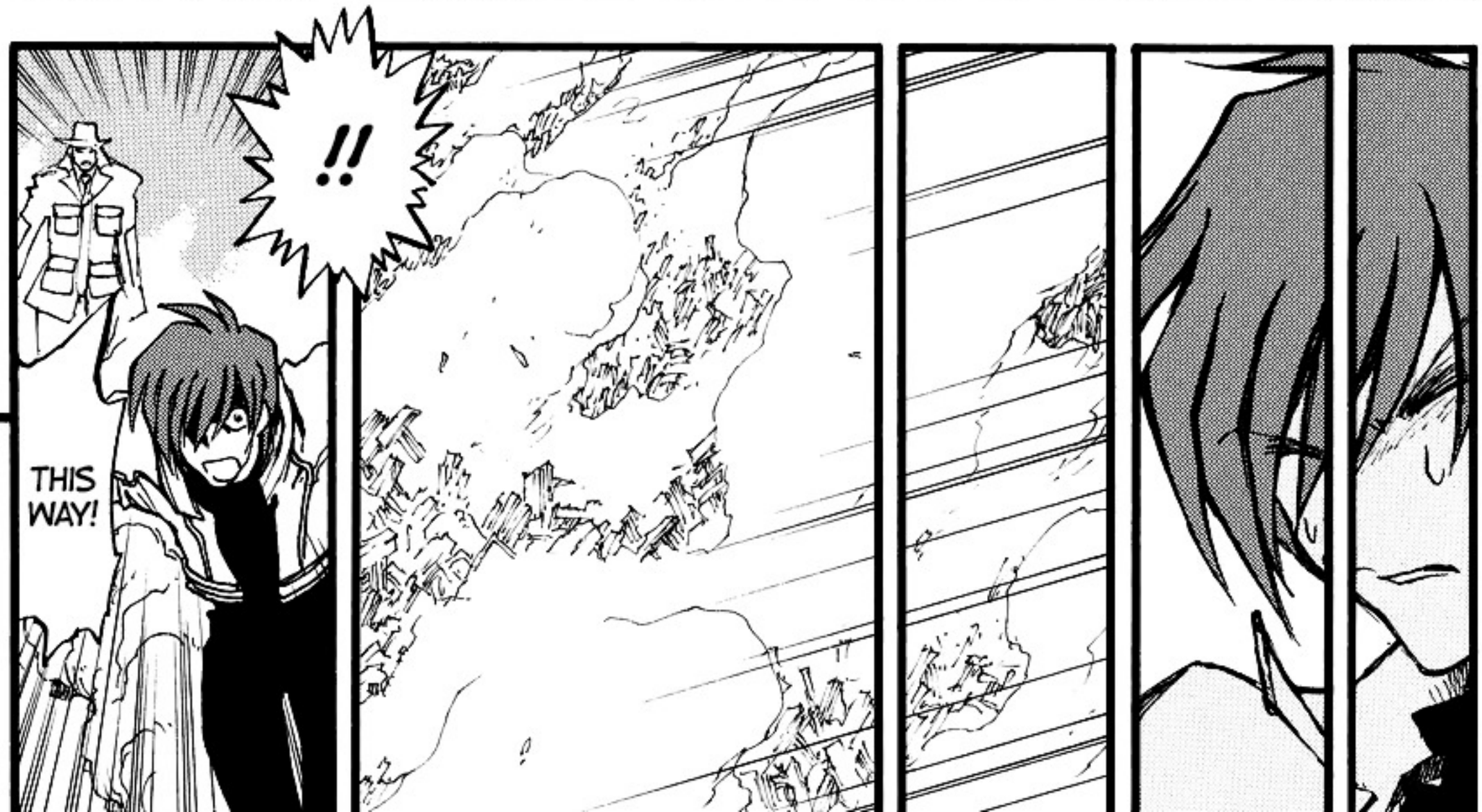
I AM BUT AN **ANT** AS I STAND HERE BEFORE THIS **TREMENDOUS STORM...**

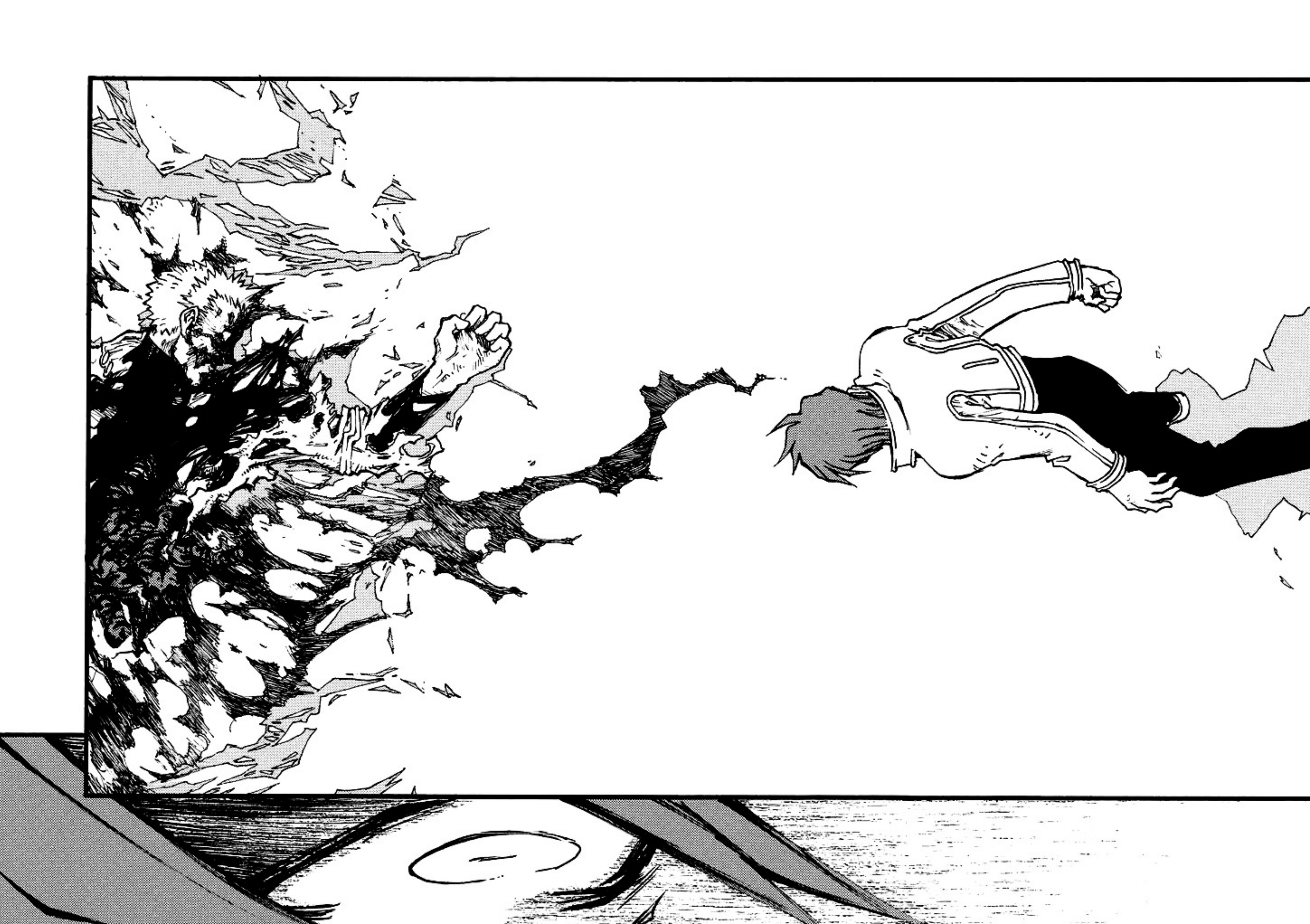
BUT I FEEL IT.




DR. CONRAD, WHAT HAP-PENED?!
WHAT THE-

JULY... IT'S... IT'S GONE?!





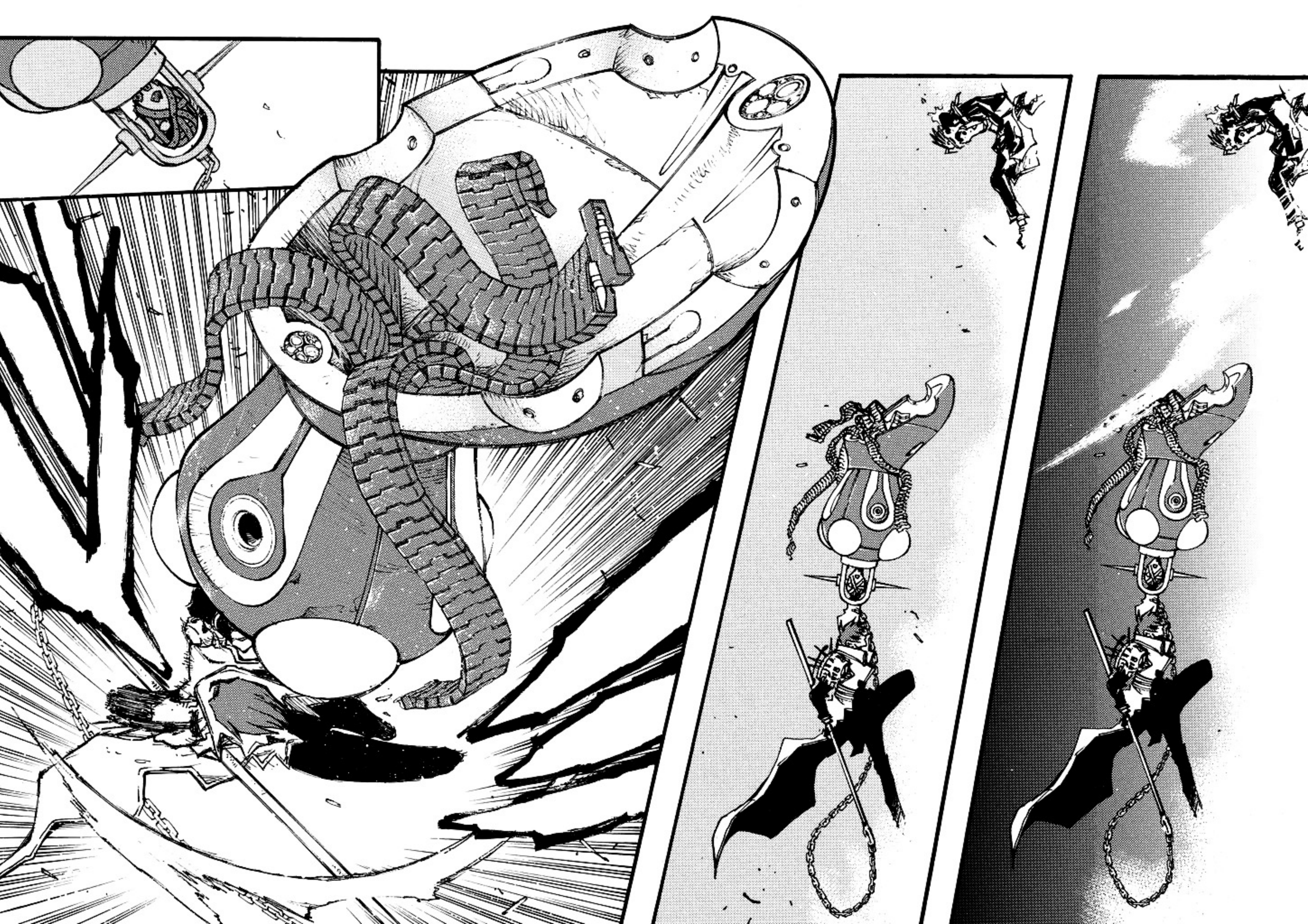
AAAA

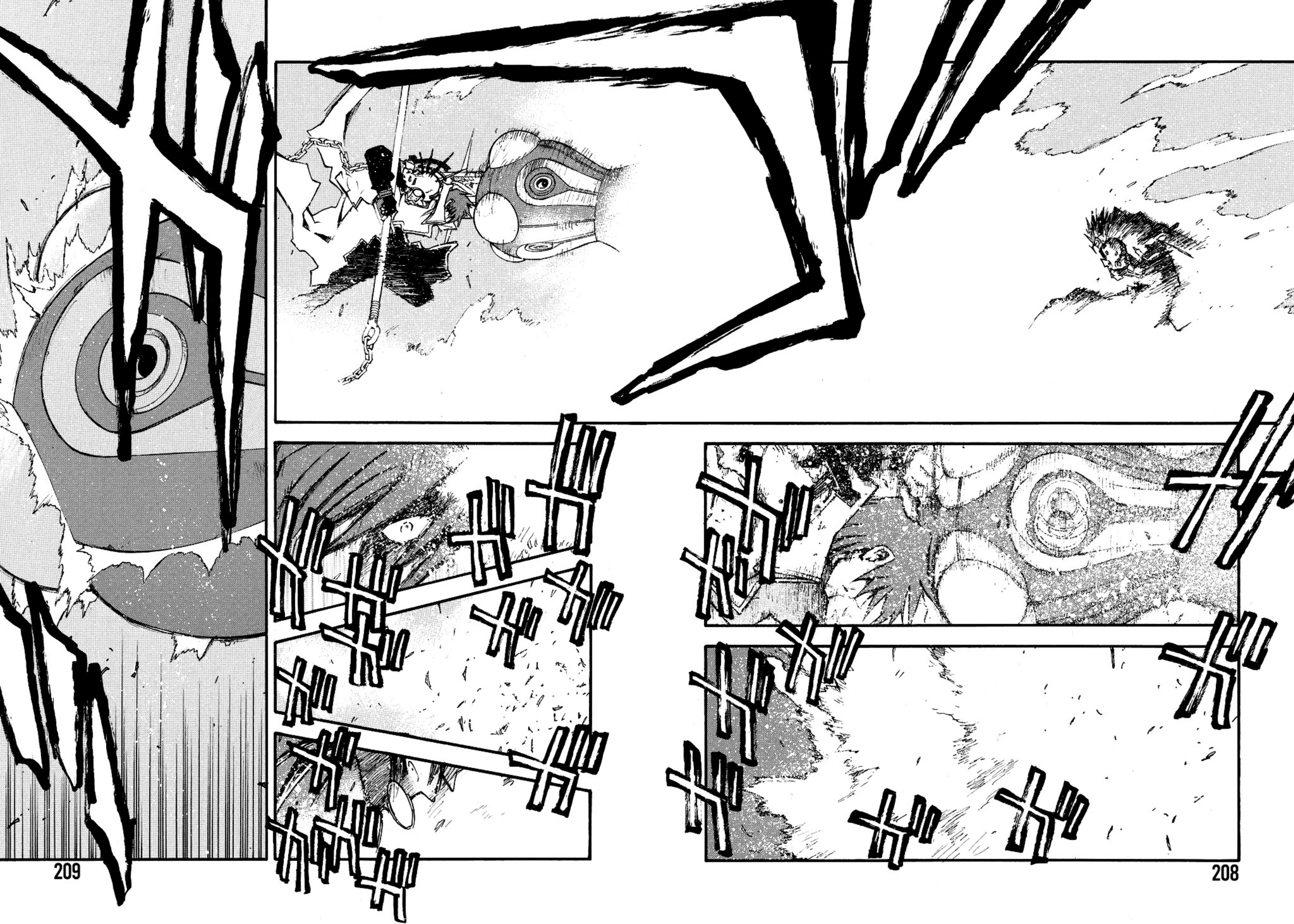
LEGATO!

YOU'RE ANNOYING ME...

...YOU MAGGOT.

STOP!
YOU'RE GONNA GET YOUR-SELF KILLED!





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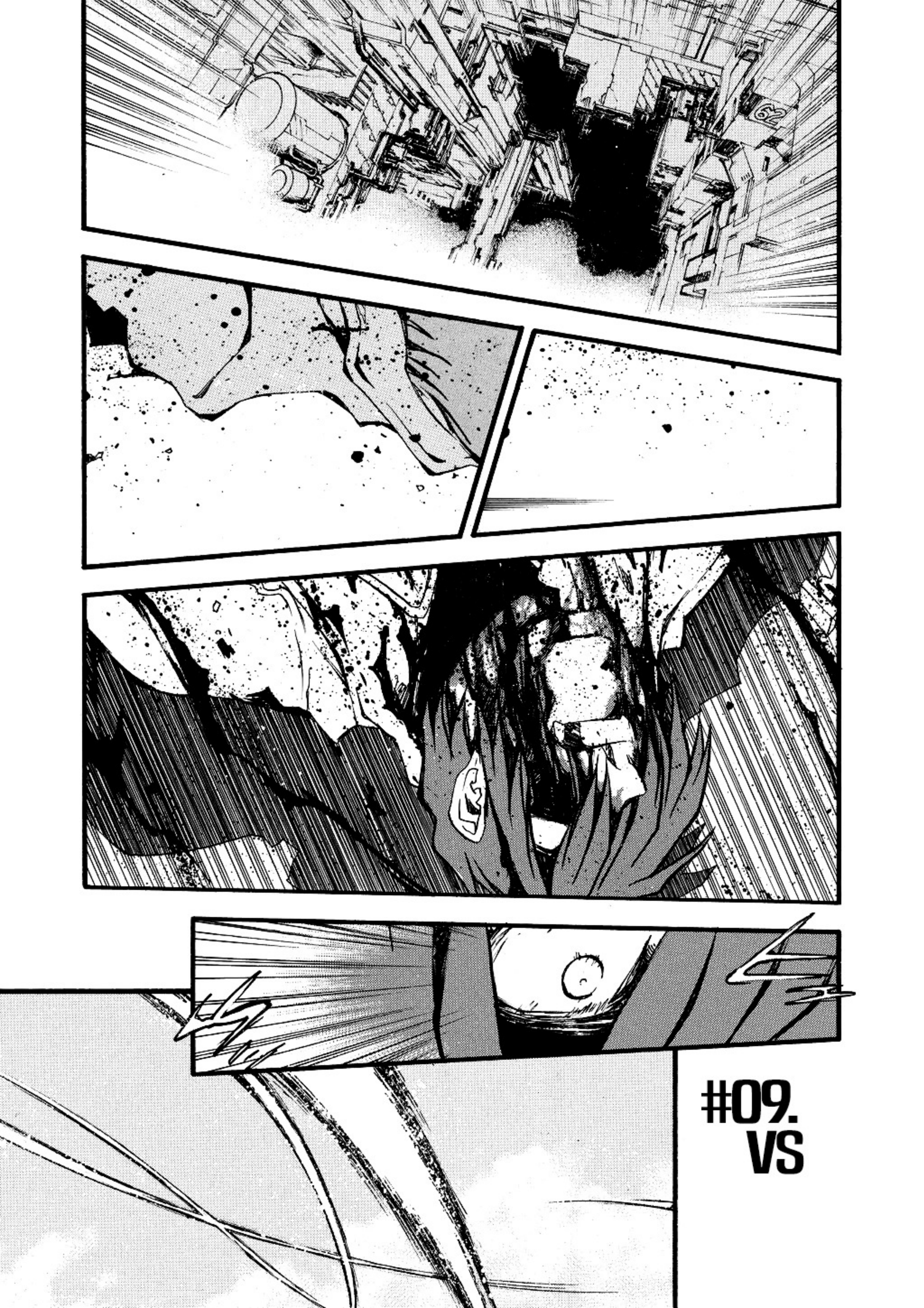
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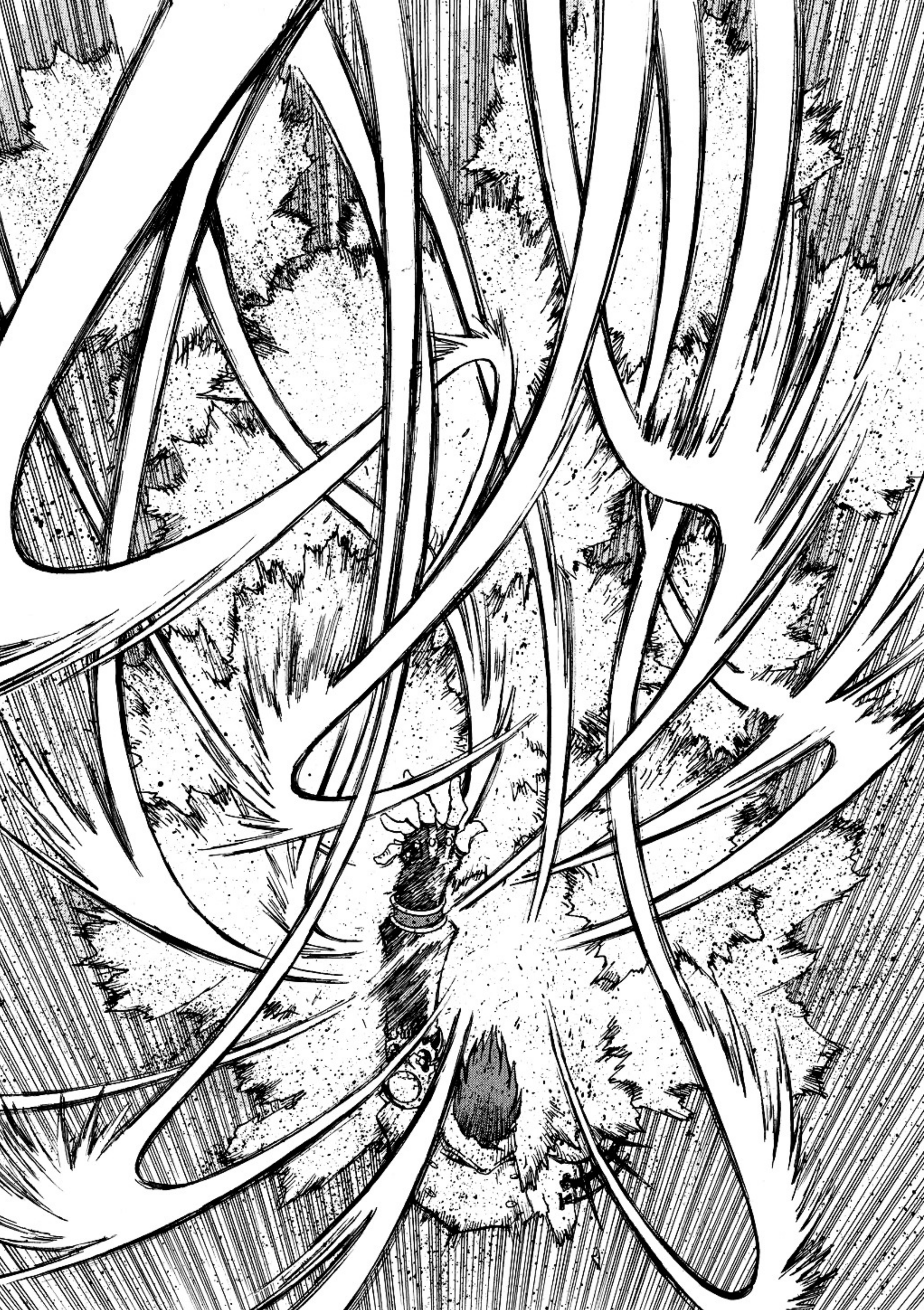
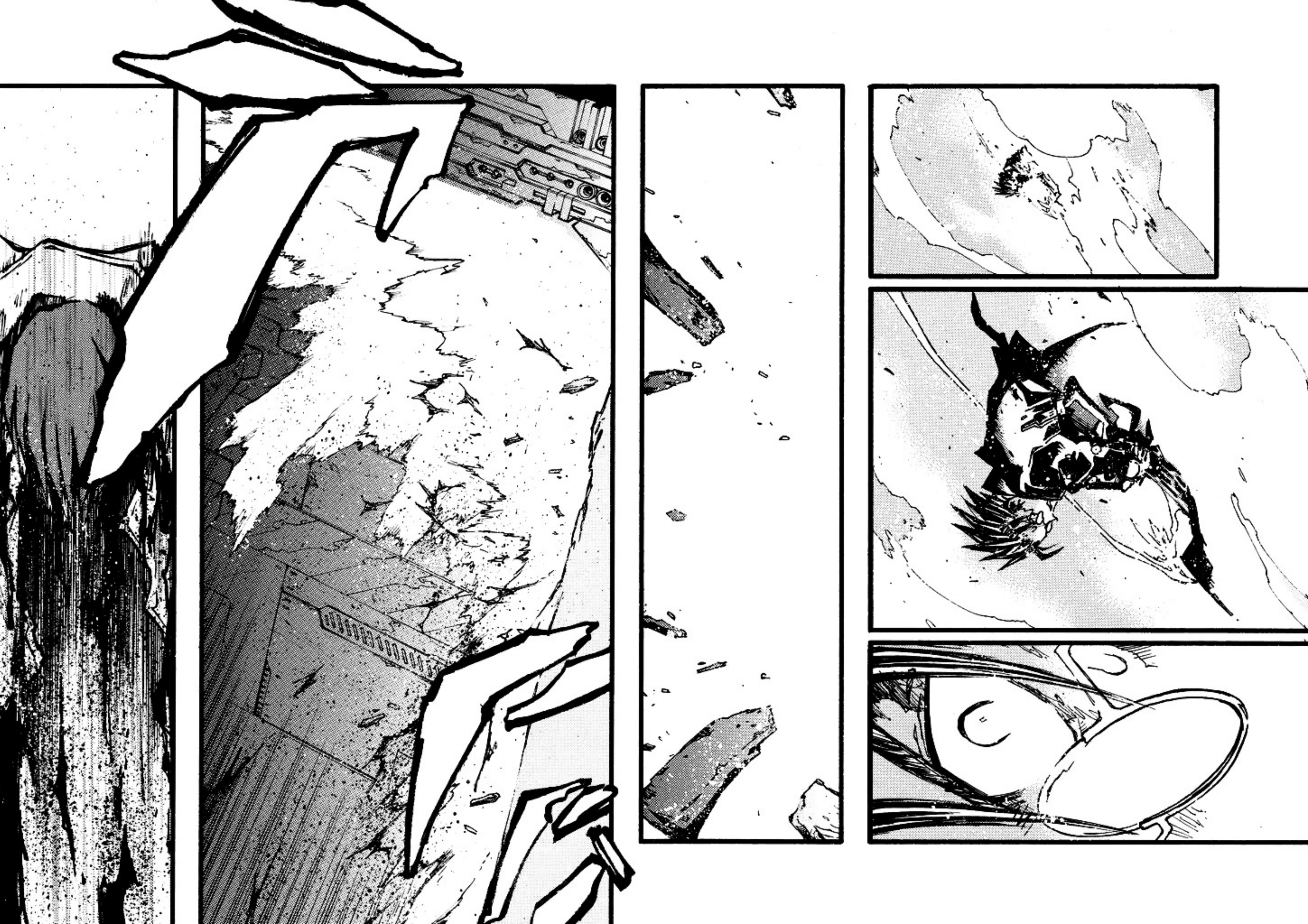
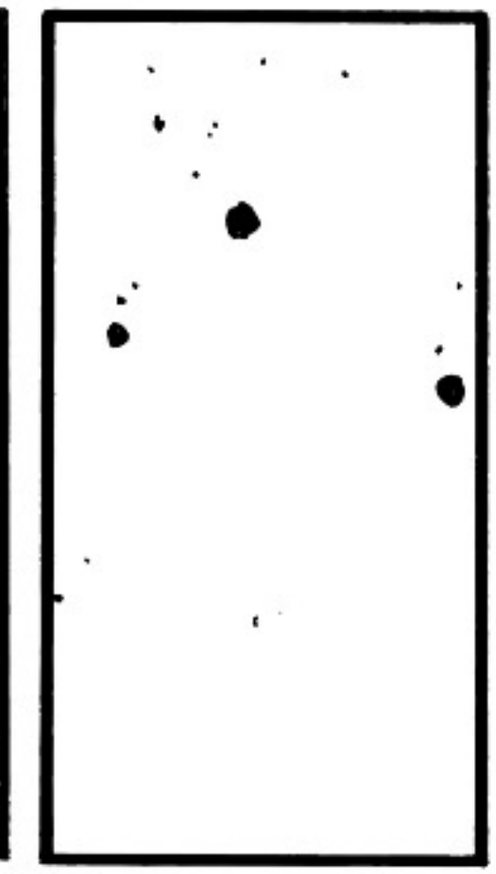
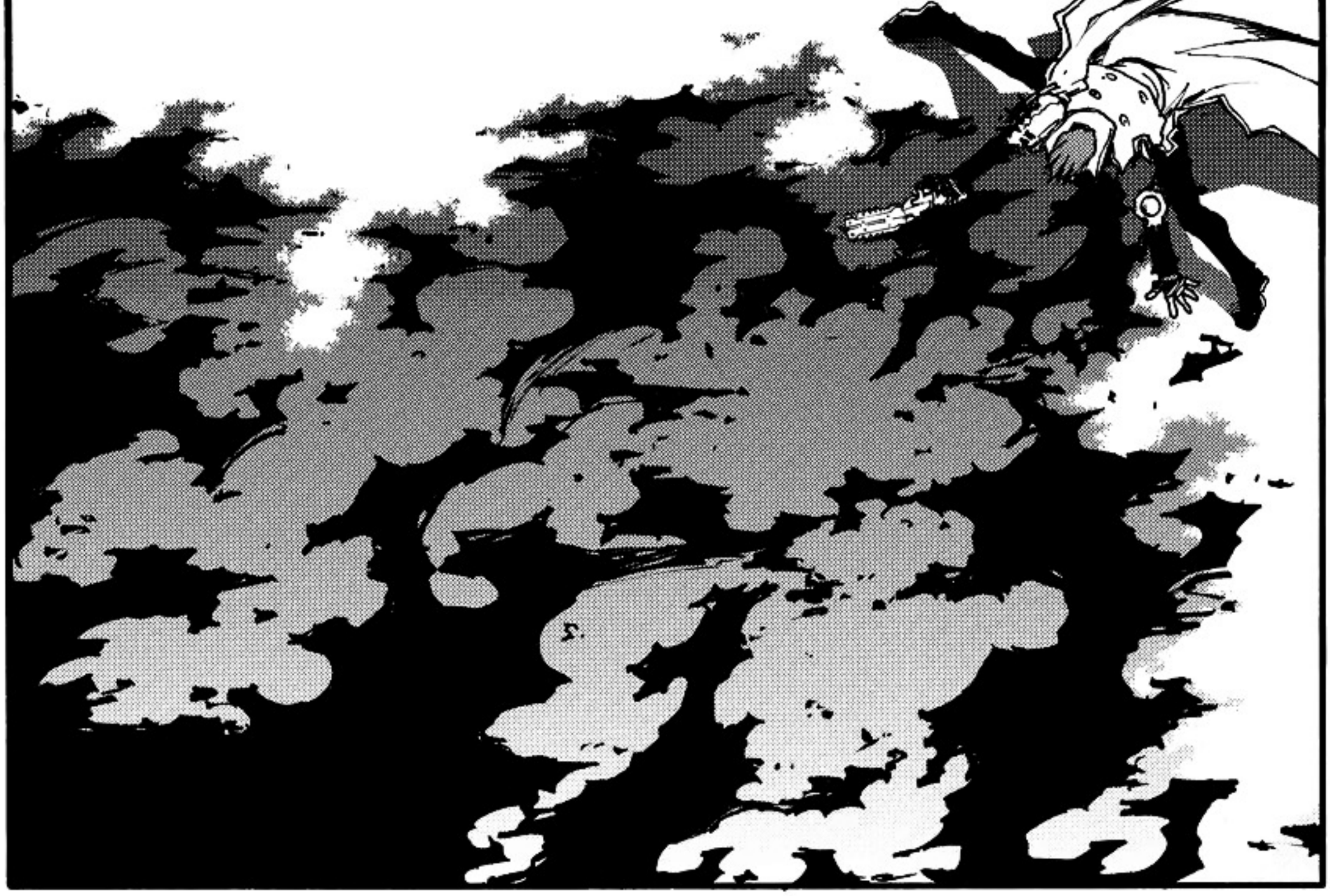


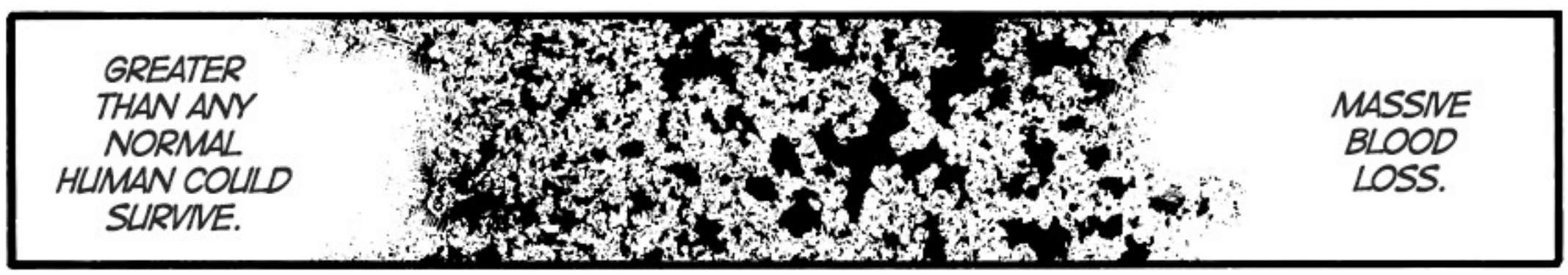


MY CONSCIOUSNESS IS HANGING ON BY A THREAD.

I TOOK TEN BLOWS BEFORE HITTING THE GROUND.





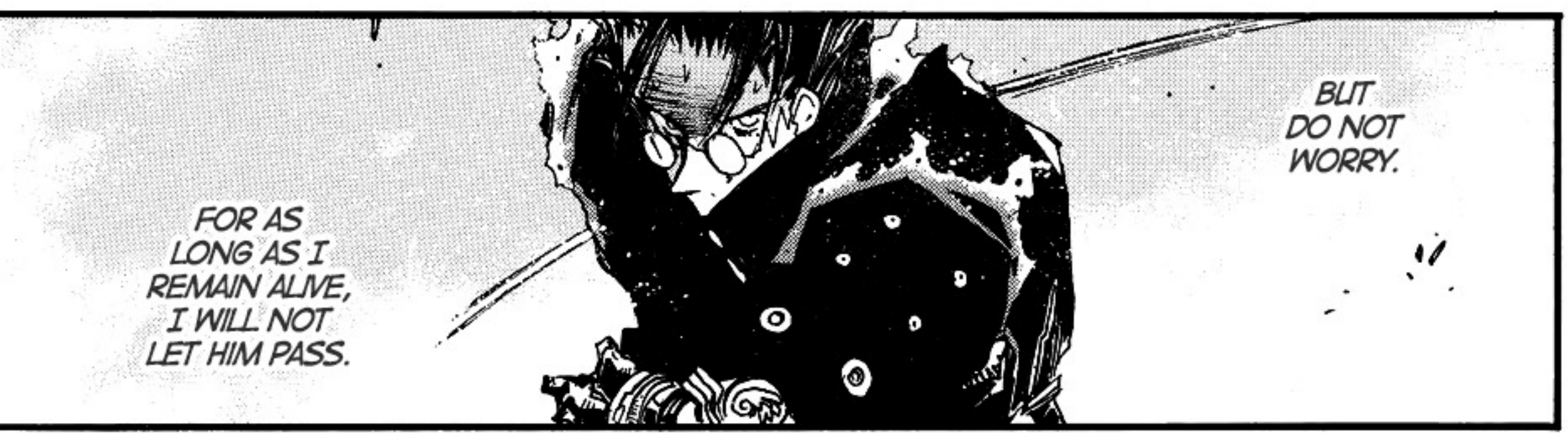


THIS IS IT!

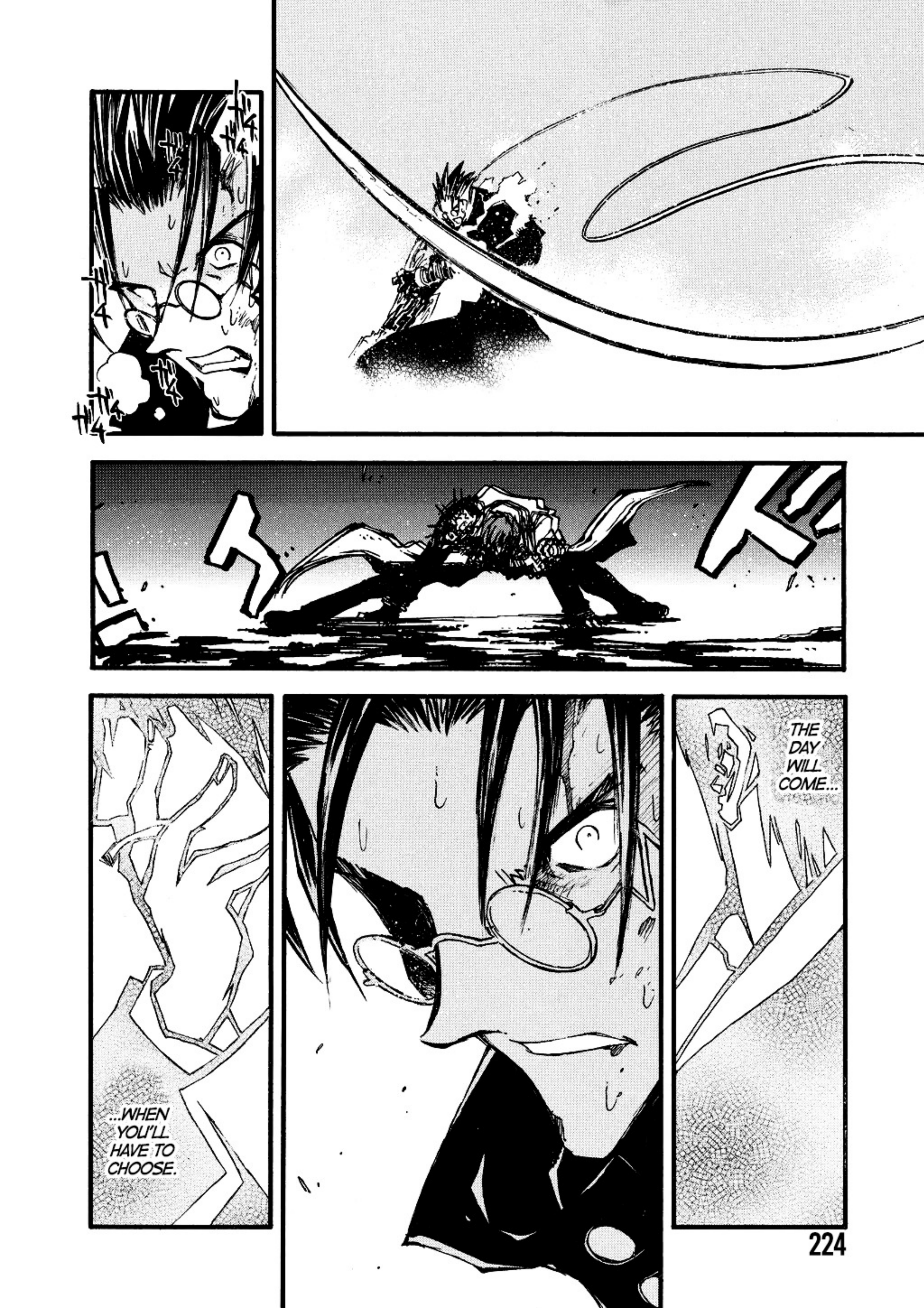
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE!

THE MORE I FIGHT...
...THE MORE THE TRUE EXTENT OF MY DEVOTION COMES INTO CLARITY.

FORGIVE ME, MASTER KNIVES...:
...BUT AT THE VERY END I FINALLY LEARNED THE MEANING OF JOY.

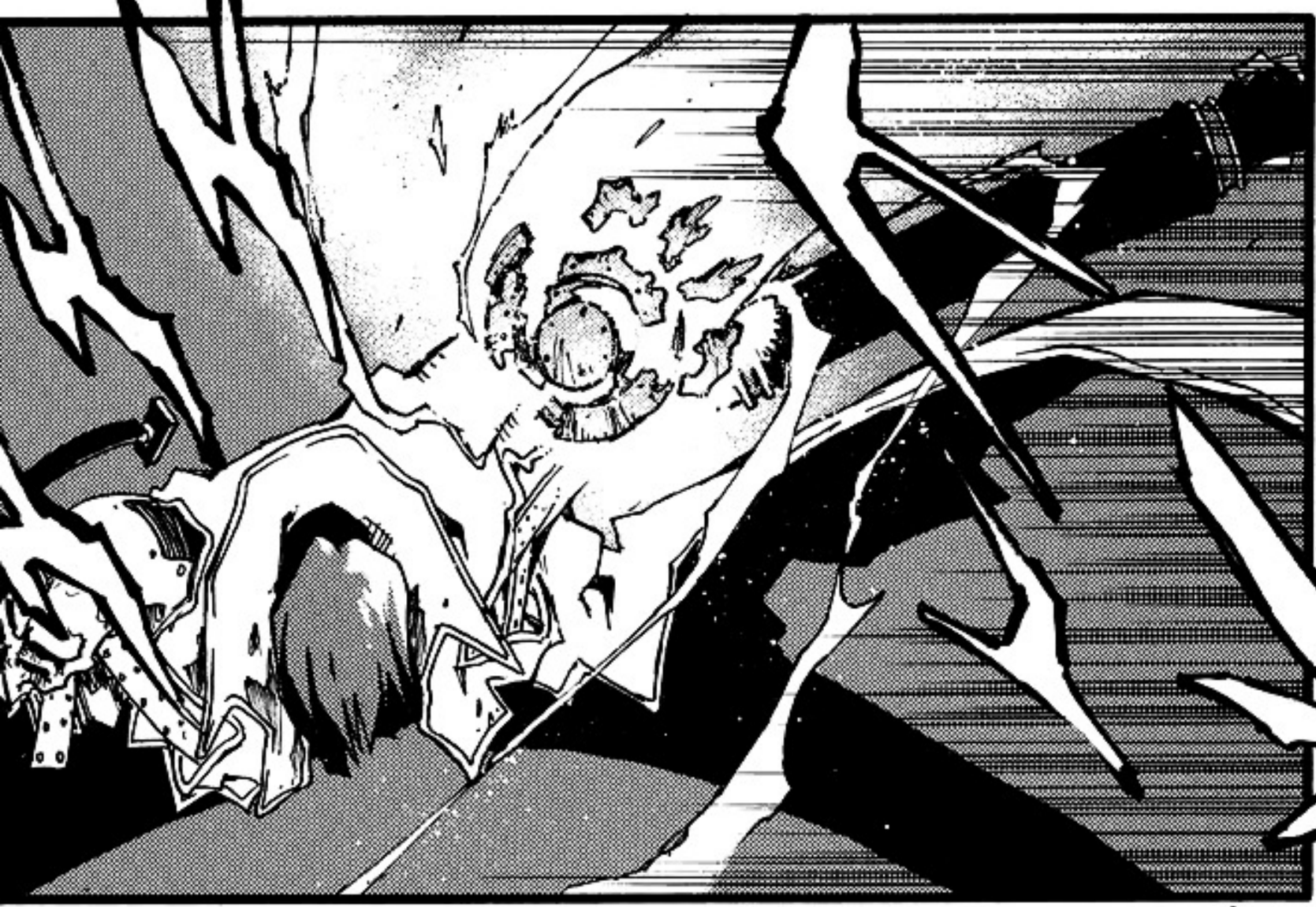

FOR AS LONG AS I REMAIN ALIVE, I WILL NOT LET HIM PASS.
BUT DO NOT WORRY.

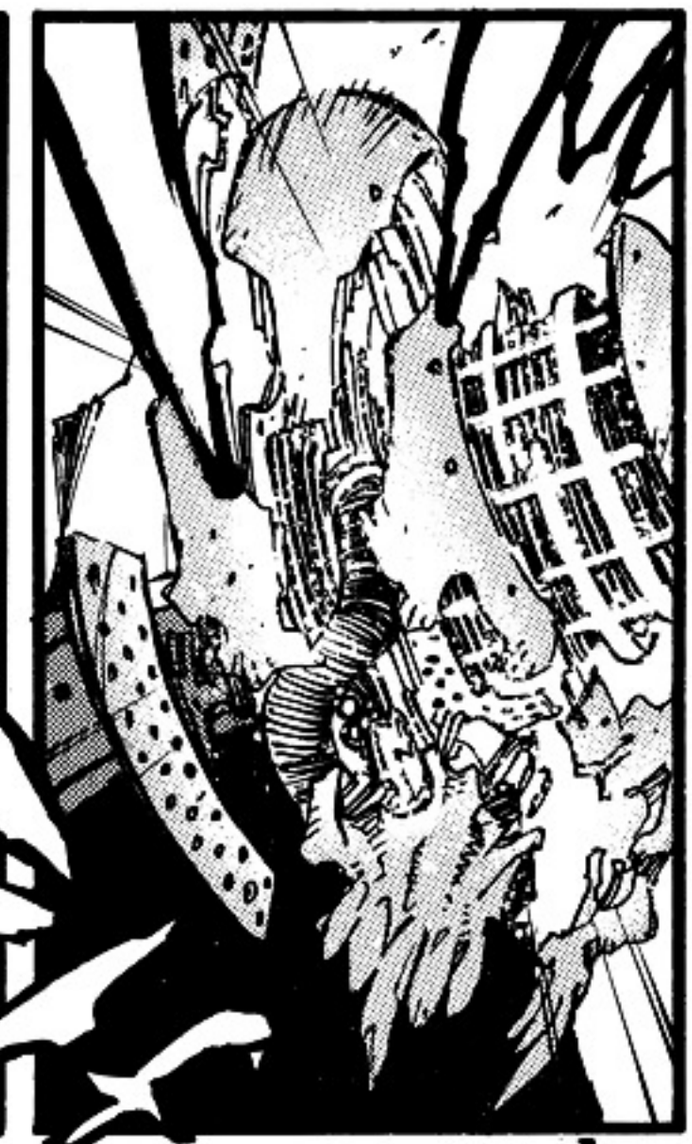
...I AM READY...
...TO BREAK HIS SPIRIT.
AND WHEN THE TIME COMES...


THE DAY WILL COME...
...WHEN YOU'LL HAVE TO CHOOSE.

...RELEASE.

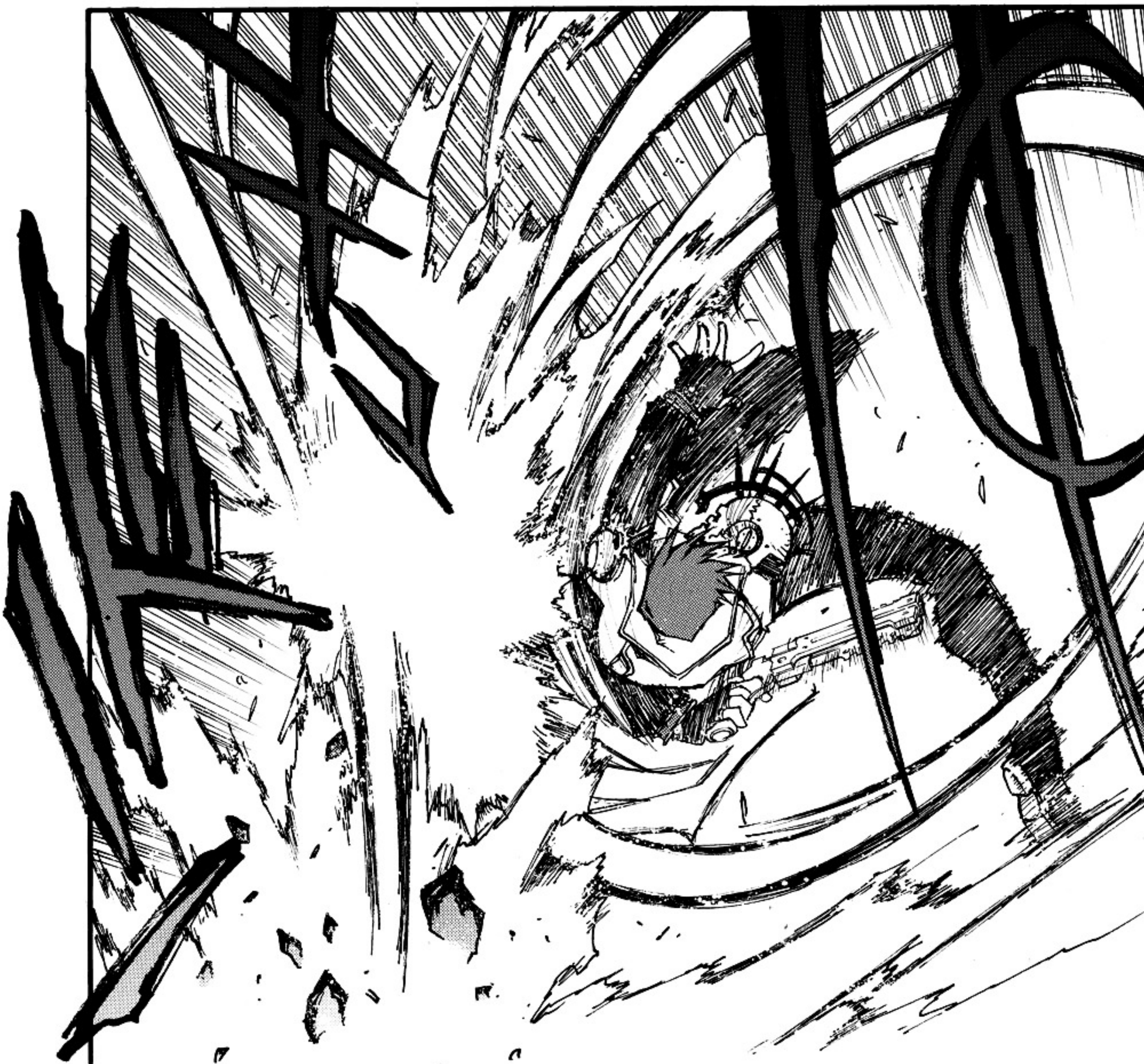
MONO-MOLECULAR NANO STEEL THREAD...

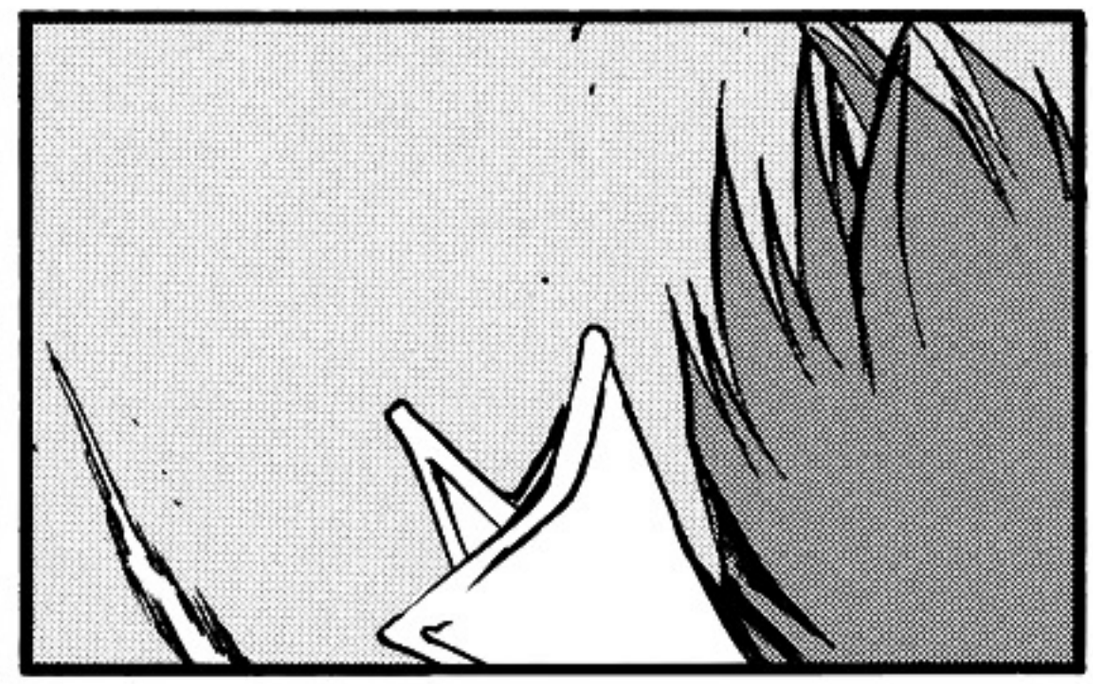


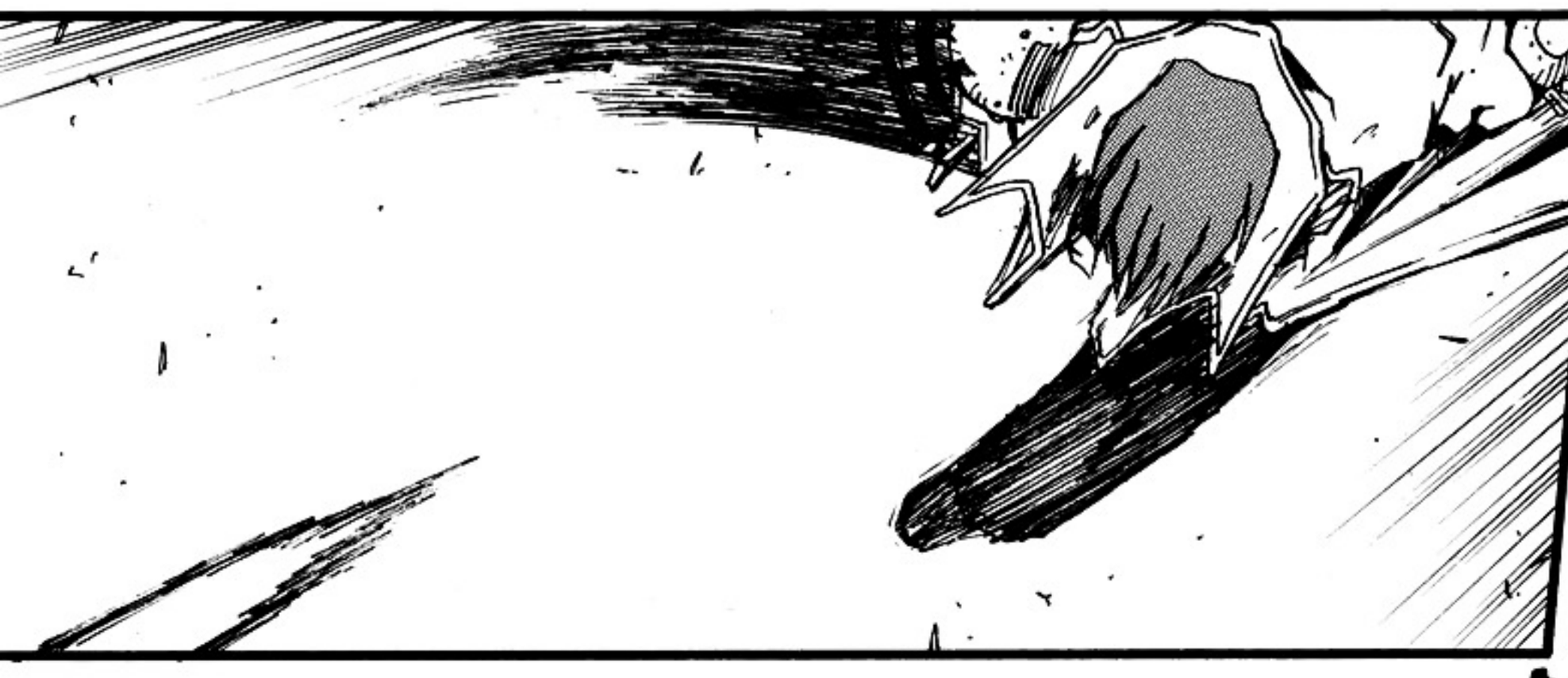


...HOW I WANT IT.
AND THAT'S EXACTLY...
PRECISELY.

I SEE IT!



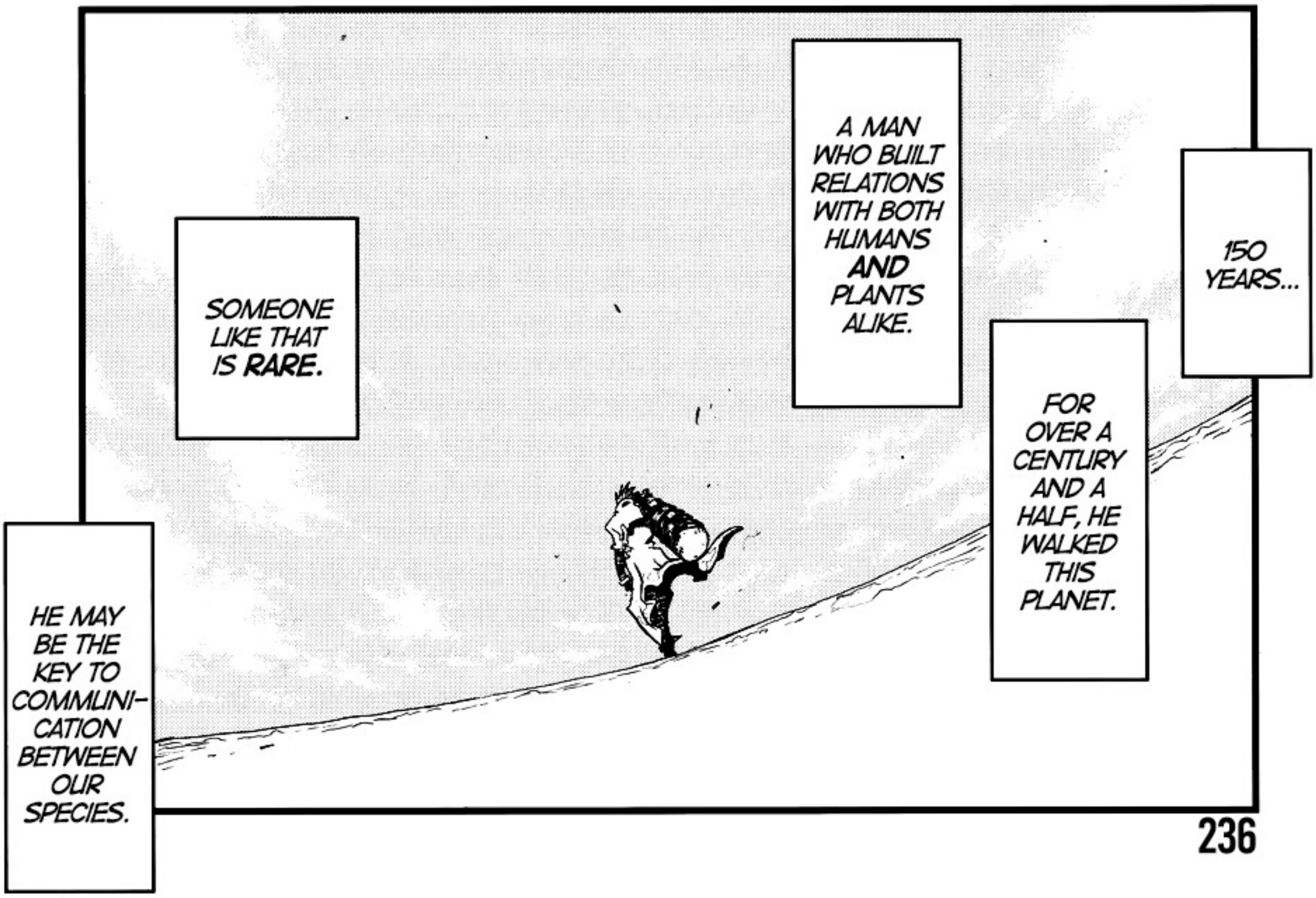


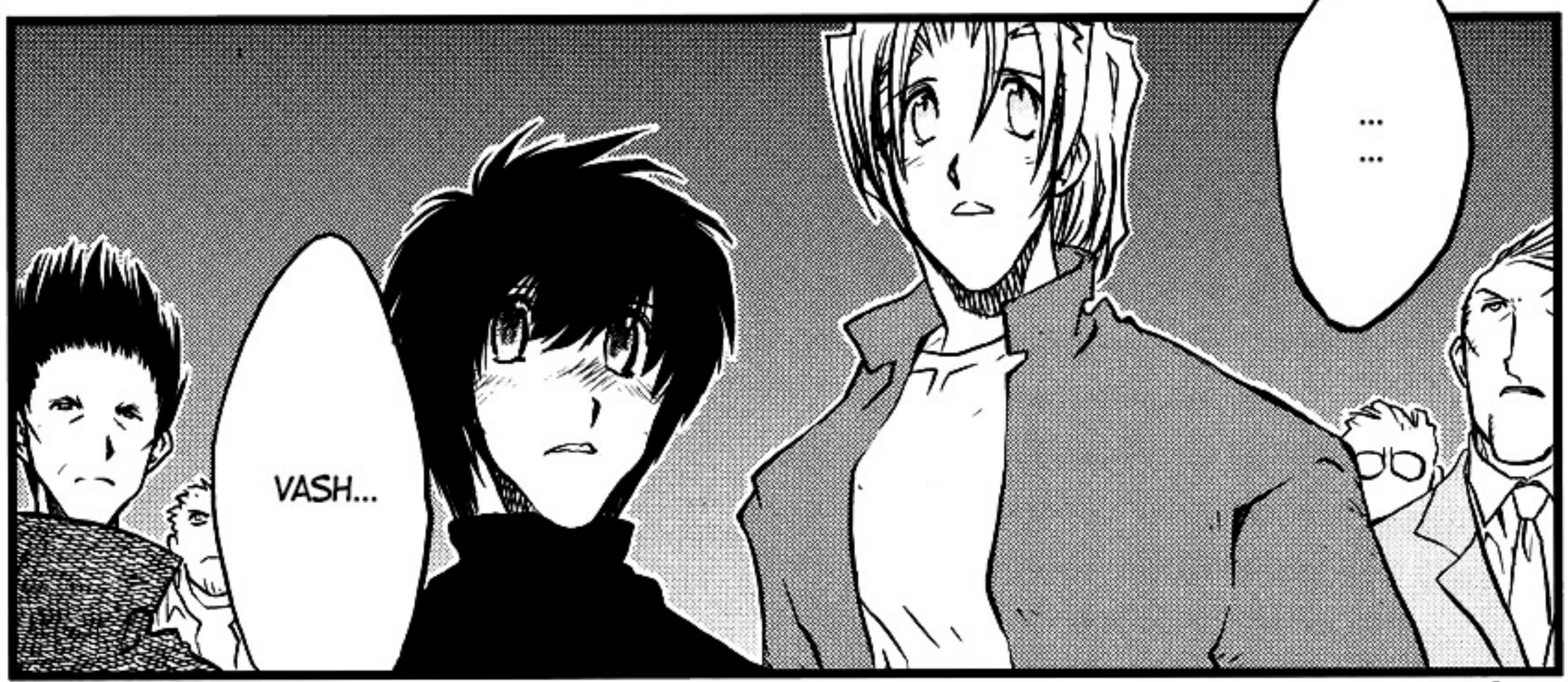


DON'T!
NO!
AH!

...WE STUMBLED UPON A NAME THAT WAS REPEATED OVER AND OVER AGAIN WITHIN THE SHARED CONSCIOUS-NESS.
ONE OF OUR COMRADES FORCIBLY BECAME PART OF THE FUSED ENTITY. AS WE ATTEMPTED TO SALVAGE HER...

...EVERY-WHERE, AT ANY TIME.
A MEMORY OF HIM REMAINS WITHIN EVERY PLANT...


SOMEONE LIKE THAT IS RARE.
A MAN WHO BUILT RELATIONS WITH BOTH HUMANS AND PLANTS ALIKE.
150 YEARS...
FOR OVER A CENTURY AND A HALF, HE WALKED THIS PLANET.
HE MAY BE THE KEY TO COMMUNI-CATION BETWEEN OUR SPECIES.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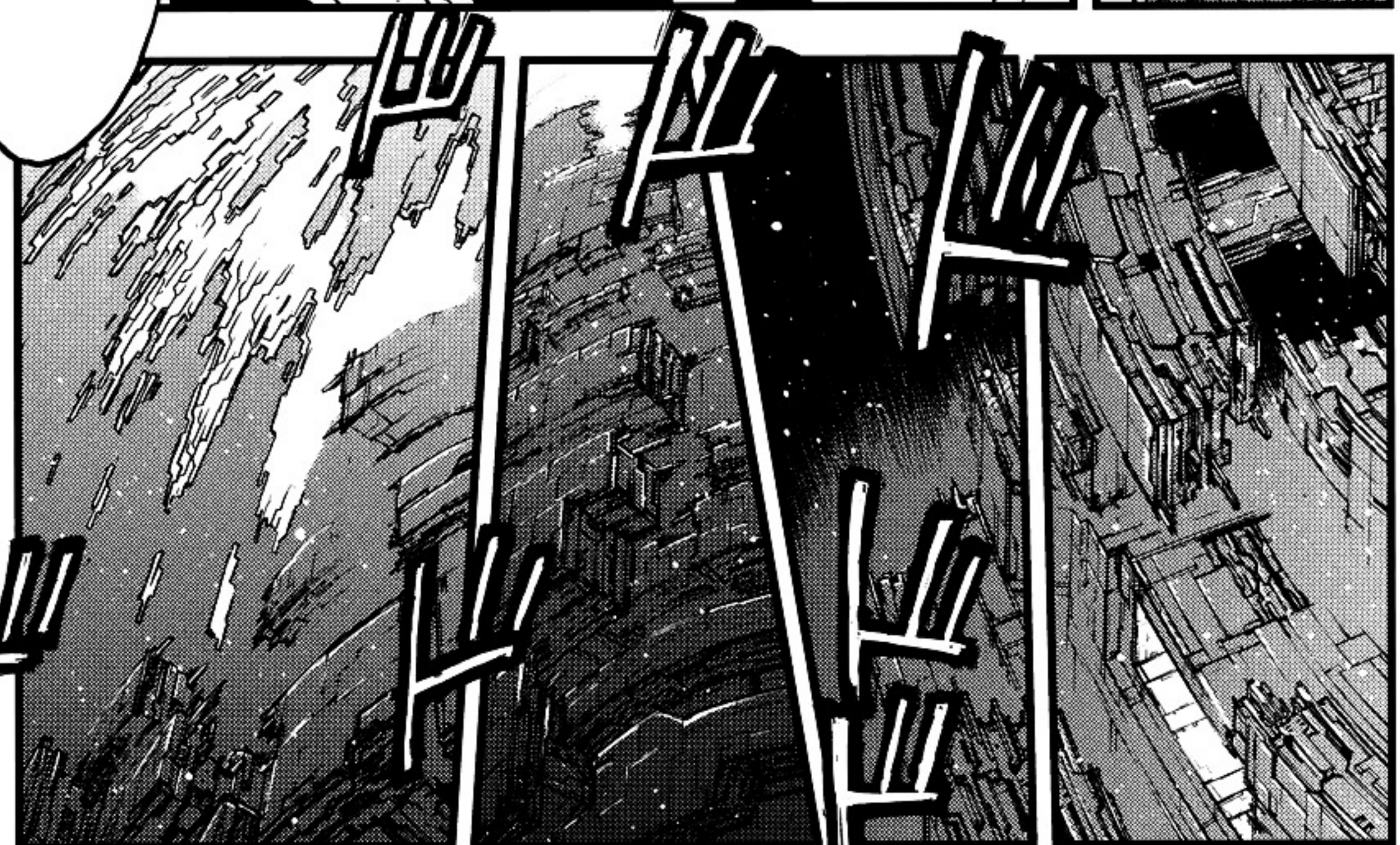
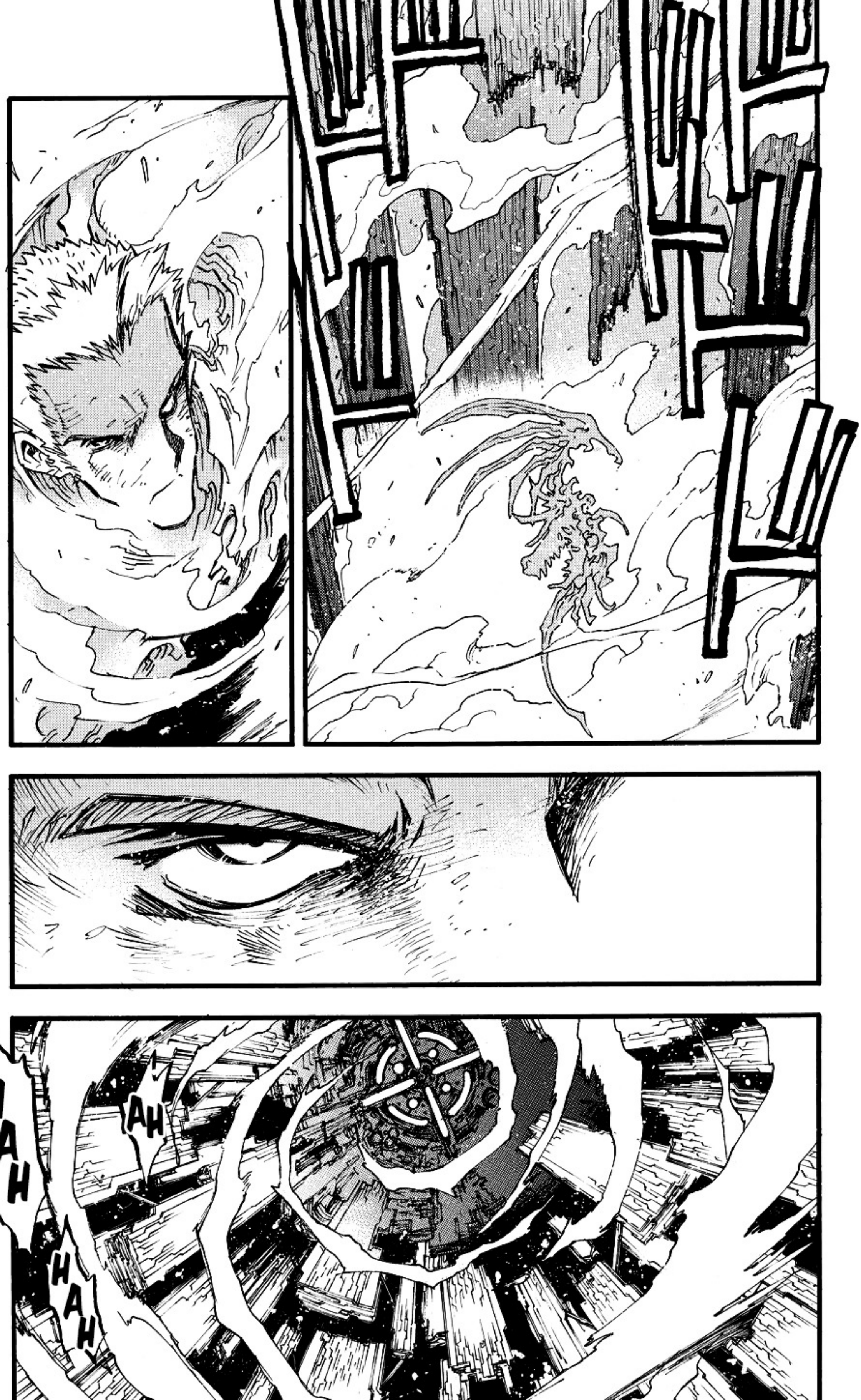
VASH...

WE MUST FIND...
...VASH THE STAMPEDE.
WE HAVE TO LOOK.

LET'S GO.

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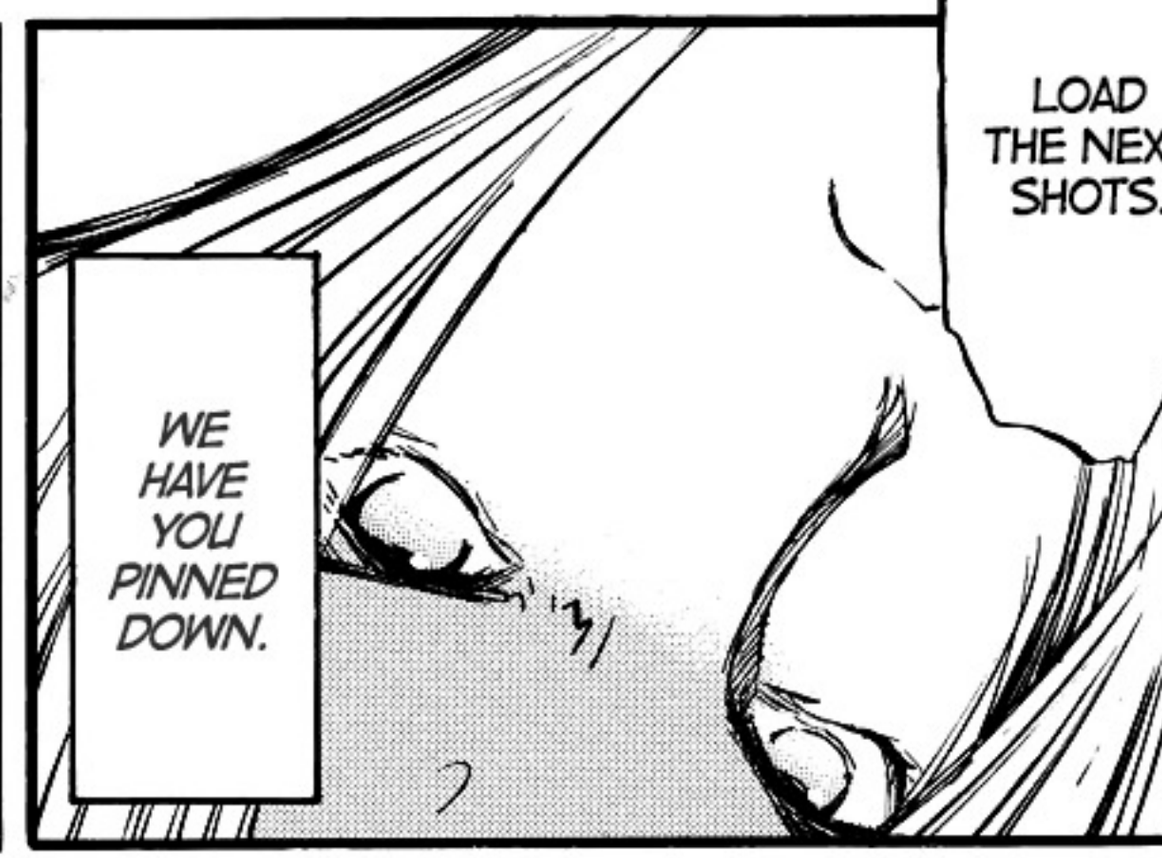
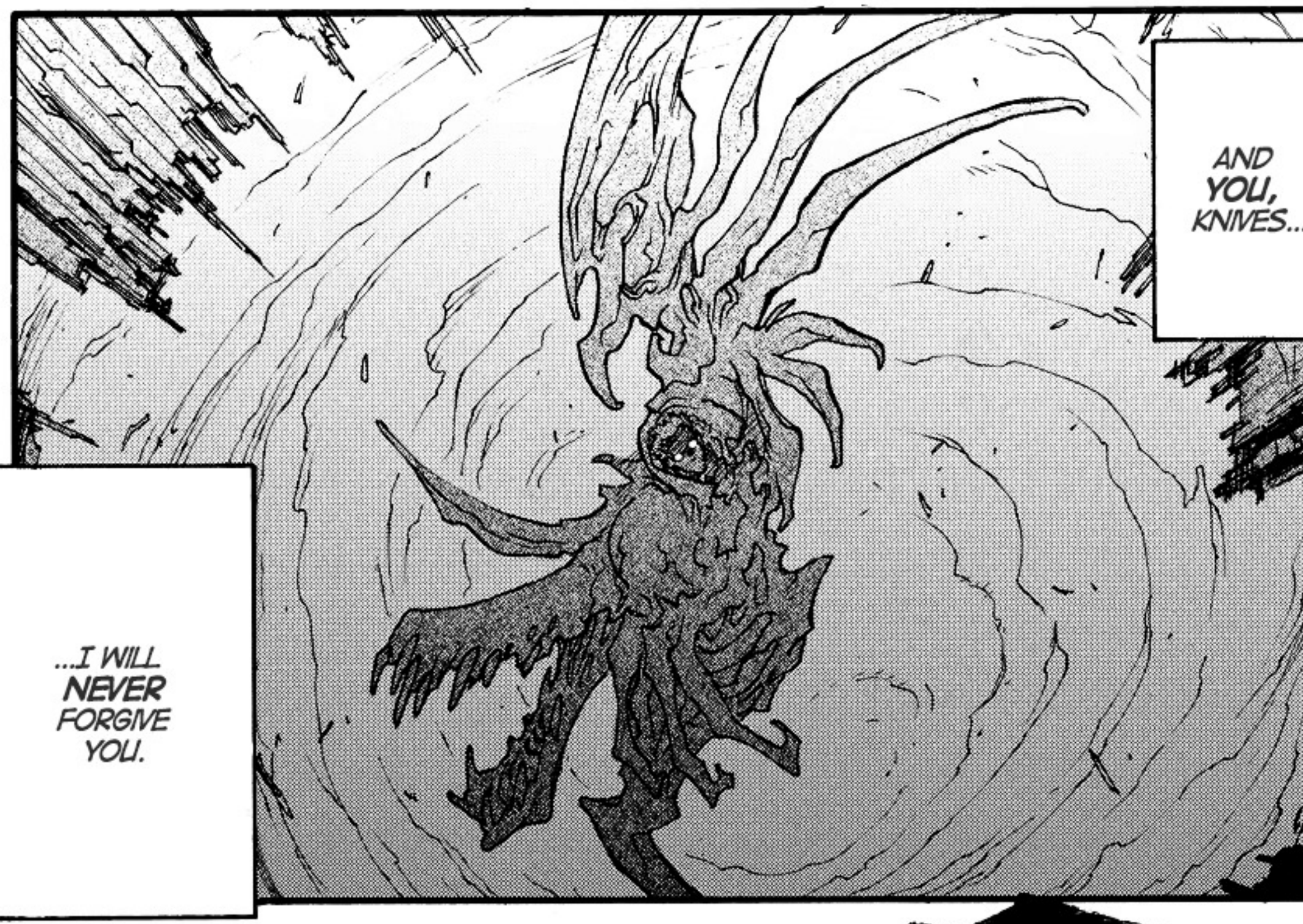
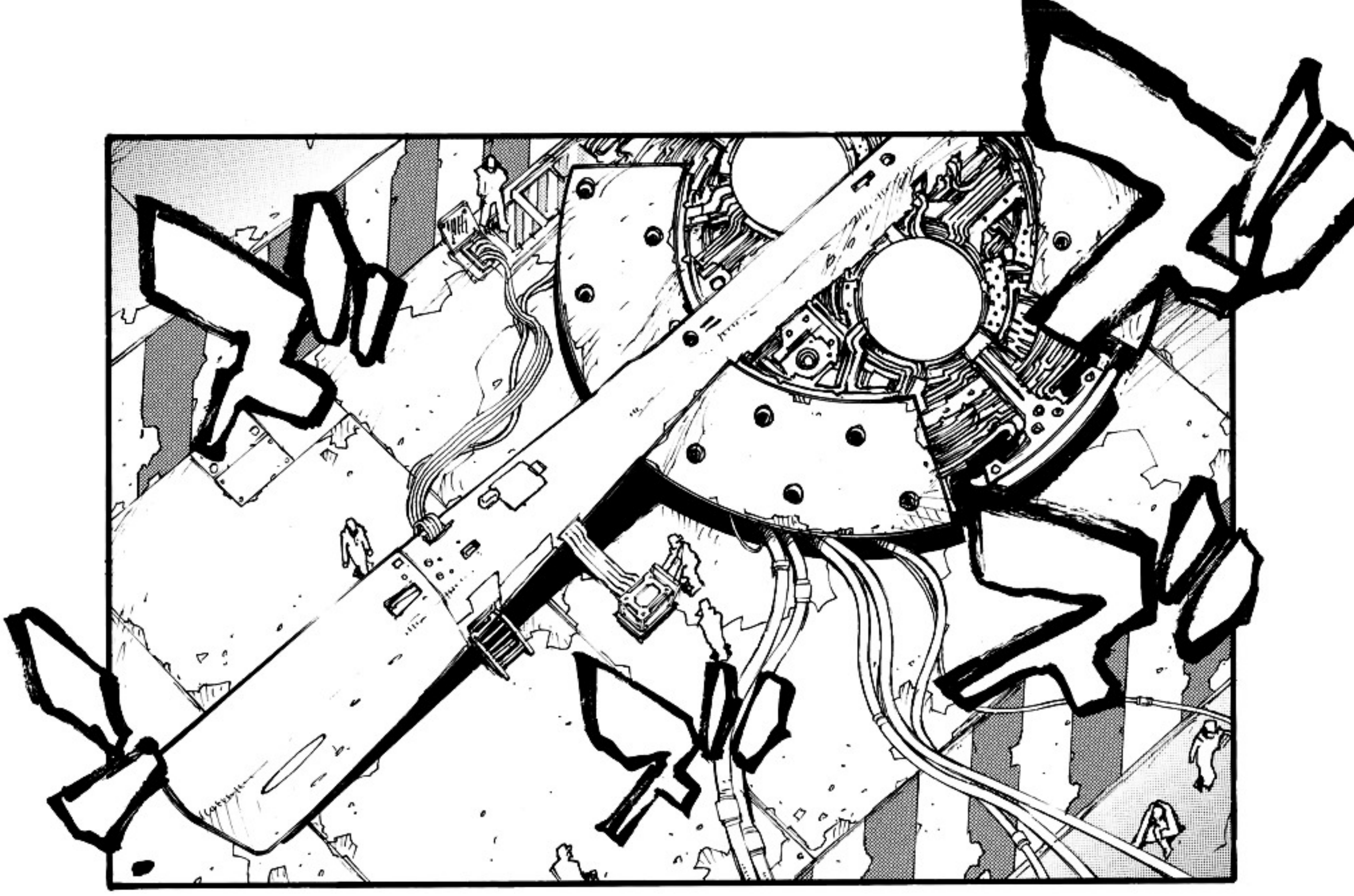
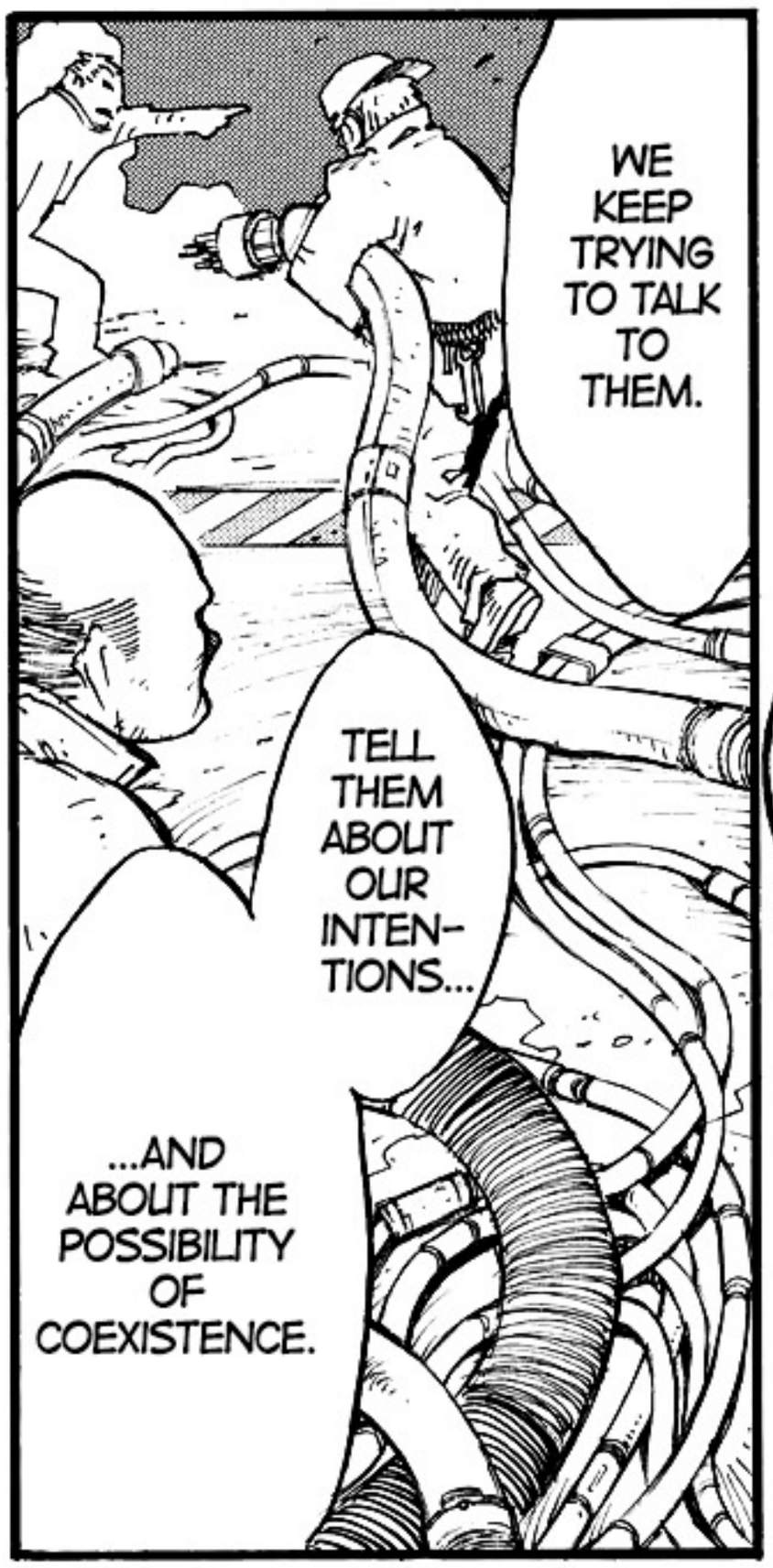

LOAD THE NEXT SHOTS.
WE HAVE YOU PINNED DOWN.

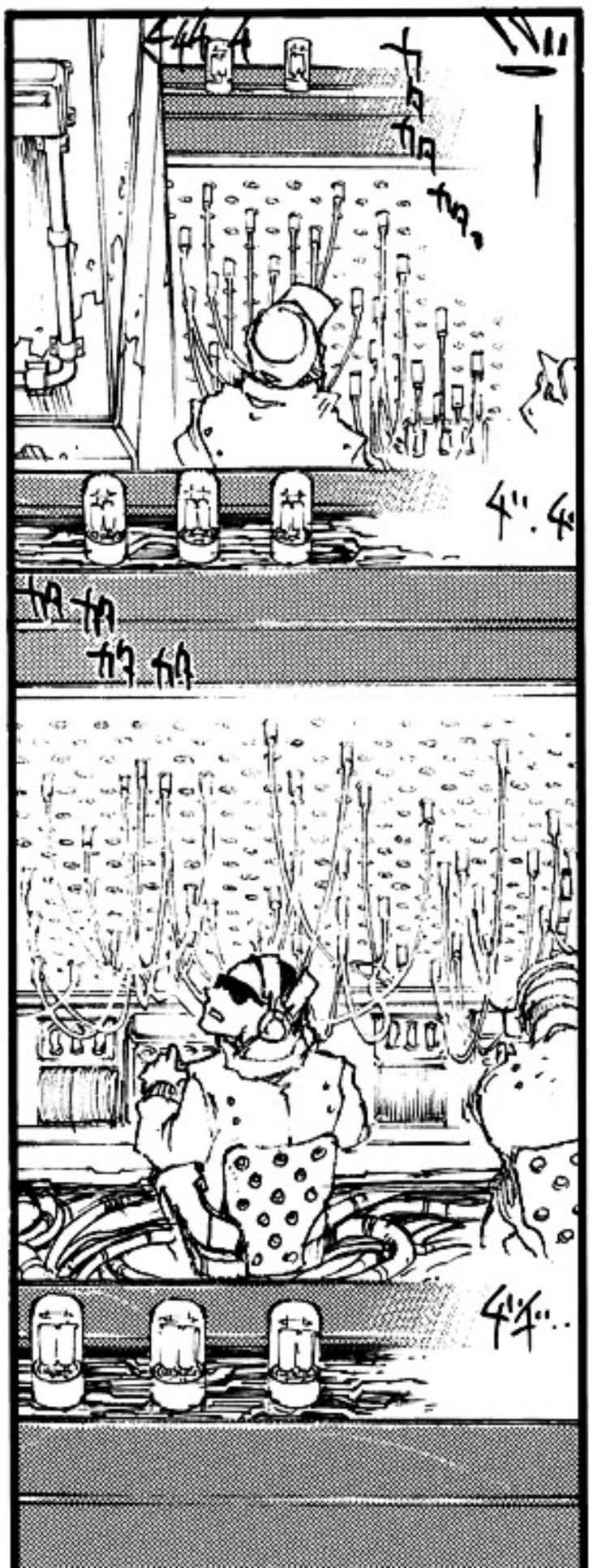

AND YOU, KNIVES...
...I WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.

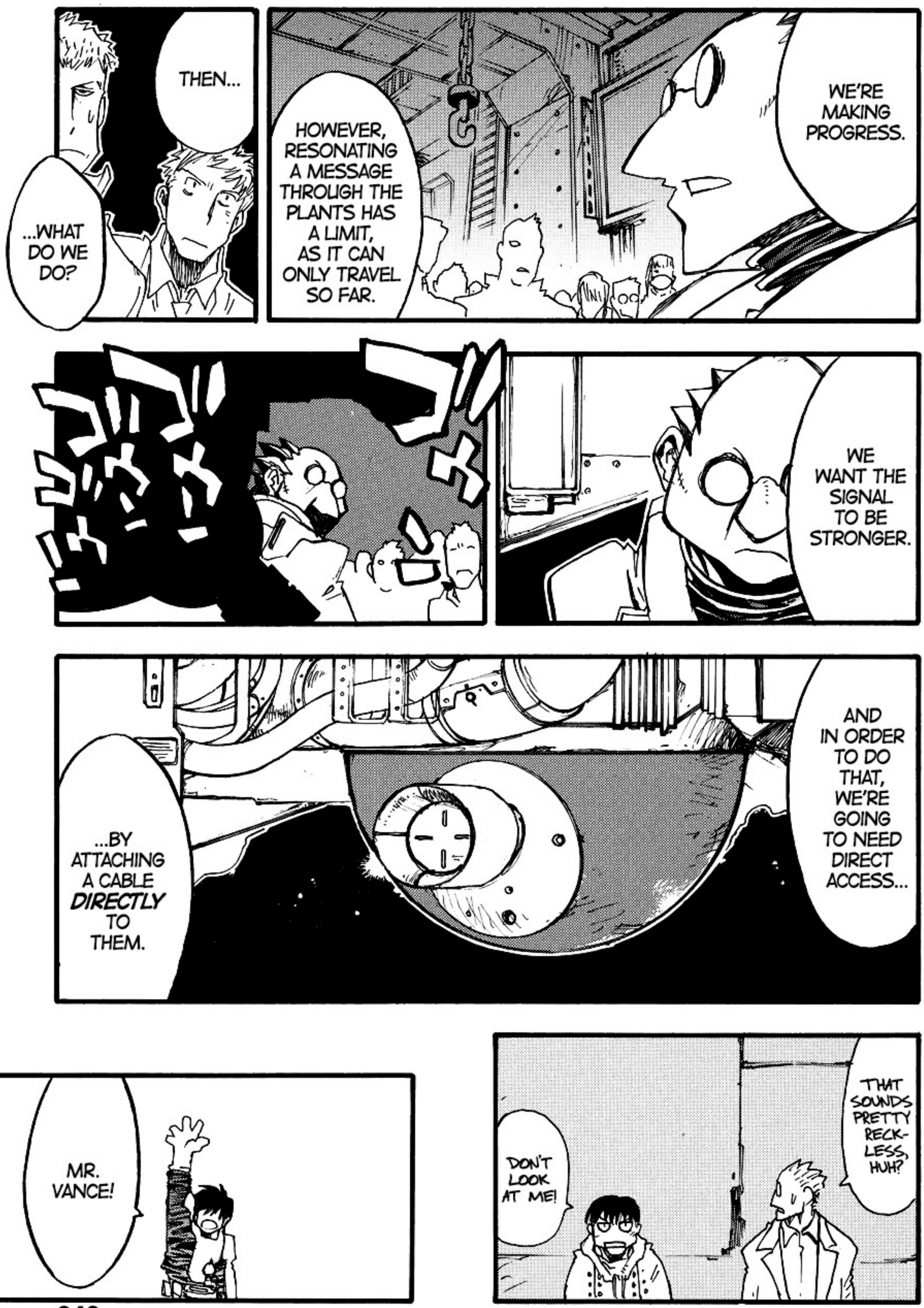
HAH, FOOLS.
...THE SAME TACTIC AGAINST ME *TWICE*.
DON'T TRY...




WE KEEP TRYING TO TALK TO THEM.
TELL THEM ABOUT OUR INTEN-TIONS...
...AND ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF COEXISTENCE.

SO, WHAT DO WE DO?




THEN...
...WHAT DO WE DO?
HOWEVER, RESONATING A MESSAGE THROUGH THE PLANTS HAS A LIMIT, AS IT CAN ONLY TRAVEL SO FAR.
WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS.
WE WANT THE SIGNAL TO BE STRONGER.
...BY ATTACHING A CABLE *DIRECTLY* TO THEM.
AND IN ORDER TO DO THAT, WE'RE GOING TO NEED DIRECT ACCESS...
MR. VANCE!
DON'T LOOK AT ME!
THAT SOUNDS PRETTY RECK-LESS, HUH?

WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP.
YOU CAN COUNT ON US!
I REGRET HAVING TO ASK TWO LADIES SUCH AS YOUR-SELVES TO JUMP STRAIGHT INTO DANGER LIKE THIS.
AH!
YOU TWO LOOK GREAT!
WE'VE KNOWN HIM FOR A LONG TIME! WE'LL MAKE SURE HE GETS THE CHANCE FOR A GREAT TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION!
IT'S AMAZING JUST HOW TENACIOUS THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET ARE!
WOW, YOU TWO ARE TOUGH!
SO...
HM?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE? VASH, I MEAN.
WELL, UH...

AND GETS ALONG WELL WITH PEOPLE.

HE HAS A STRONG WILL.

A BIT OF AN IDIOT.

HE'S STUBBORN.

...BUT ALSO GETS VERY SAD.

...AND FOLLOWS HIS HEART...

HE'S BRIGHT...

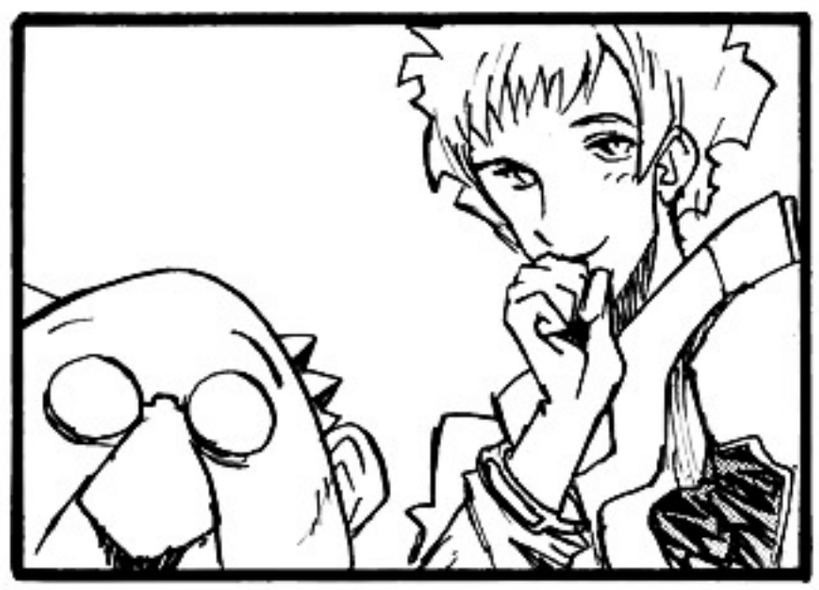
...BUT ALSO FRIVOLOUS!

HE'S GOOD-NATURED...

LAZY!

...BUT WHAT WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN IS THAT HE'S BEEN STRIVING FOR LOVE AND PEACE ON THIS SANDY PLANET FOR SO LONG.

THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT...



THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IN HIM.

...
...

YES, OF COURSE.

ABSOLUTELY.

I
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IN HOW
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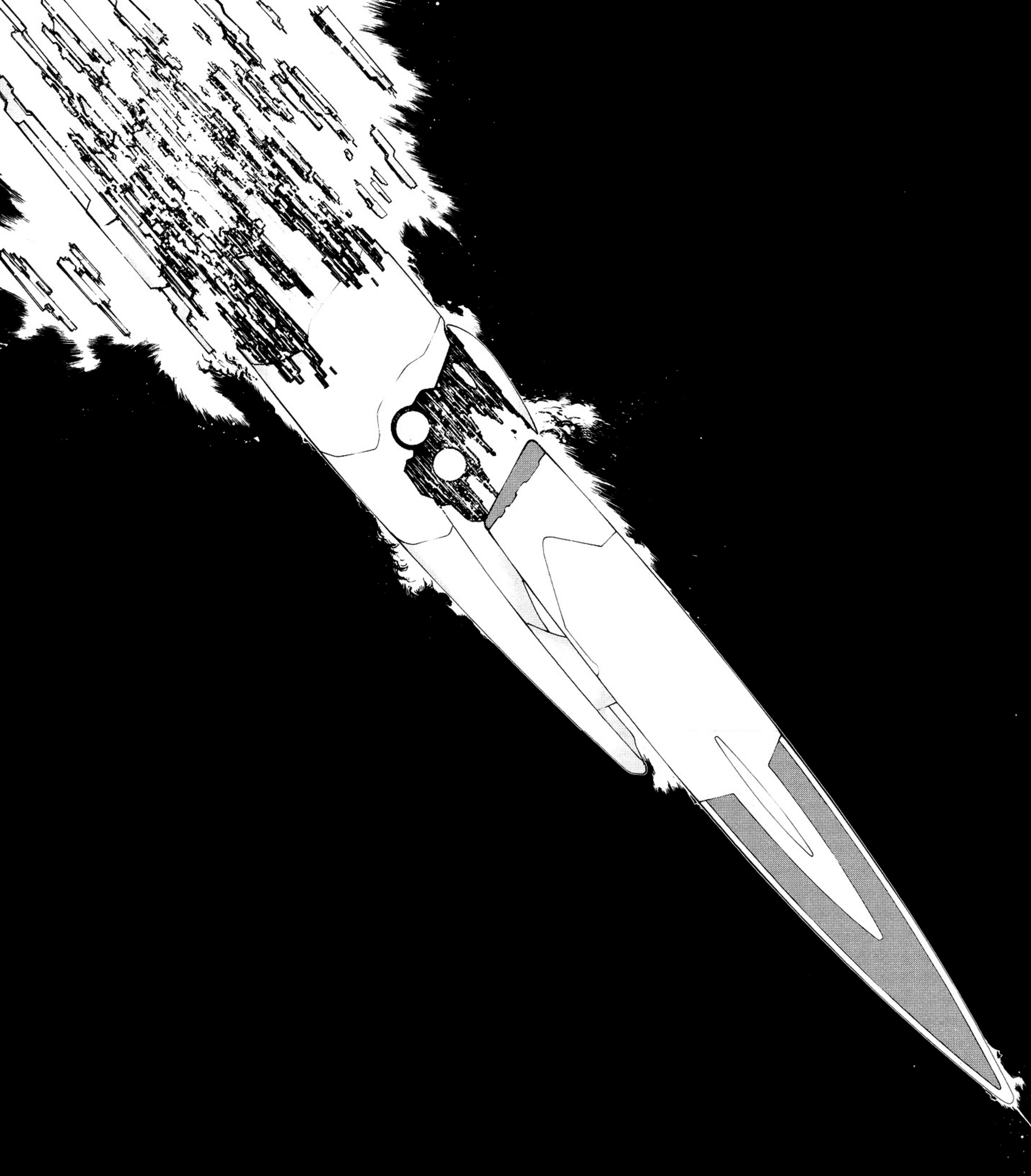
TO LIVE
HIS LIFE.



AA AH!
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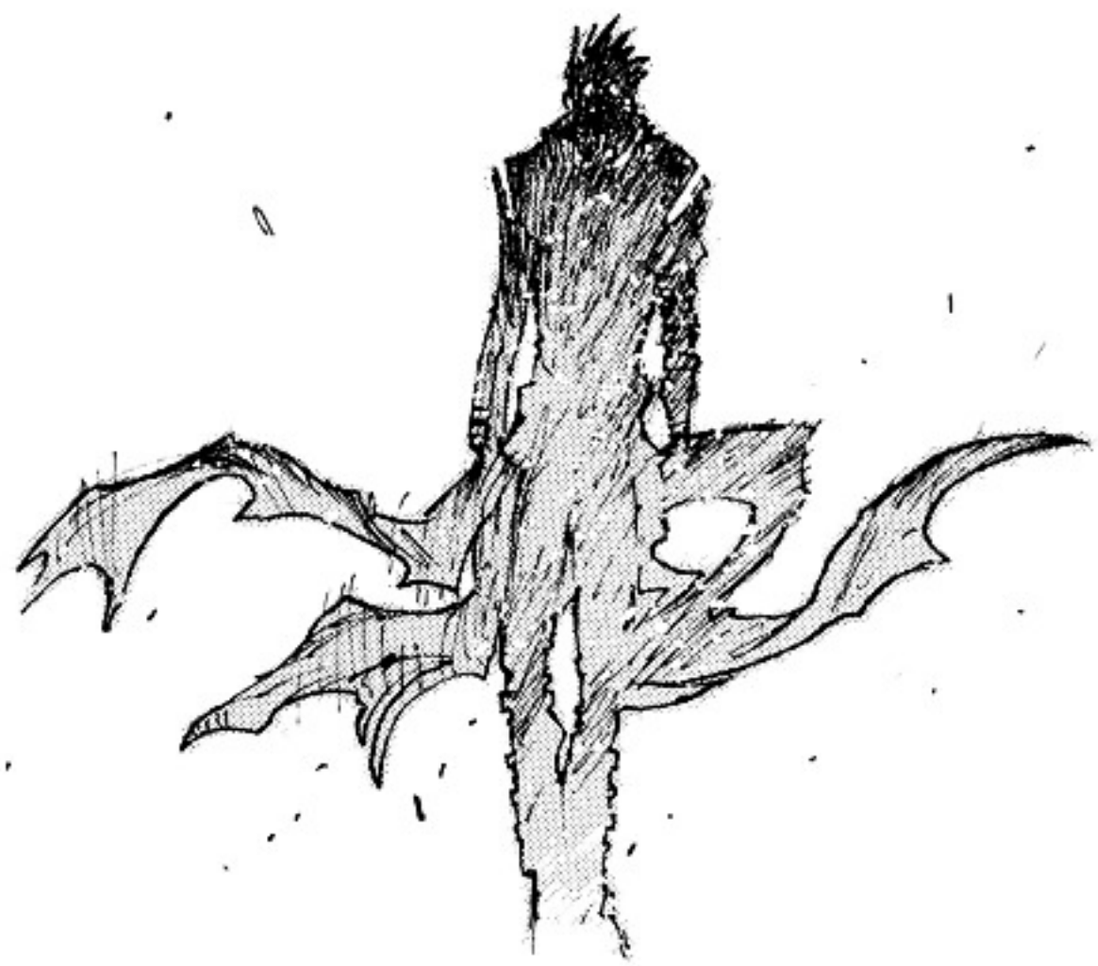
SUTURES.
PRO-CESSING ENDORPH-INS.
RE-CONNECT-ING THE A-10 NERVE.
HEMO-STASIS.
YOU CAN'T FAIL ME NOW!
DON'T STOP!
NOT YET!

ONE MORE SHOT AND I'LL PUT YOU TO REST.

JUST ONE MORE SHOT.

AAAA AAAH!

GA AH!



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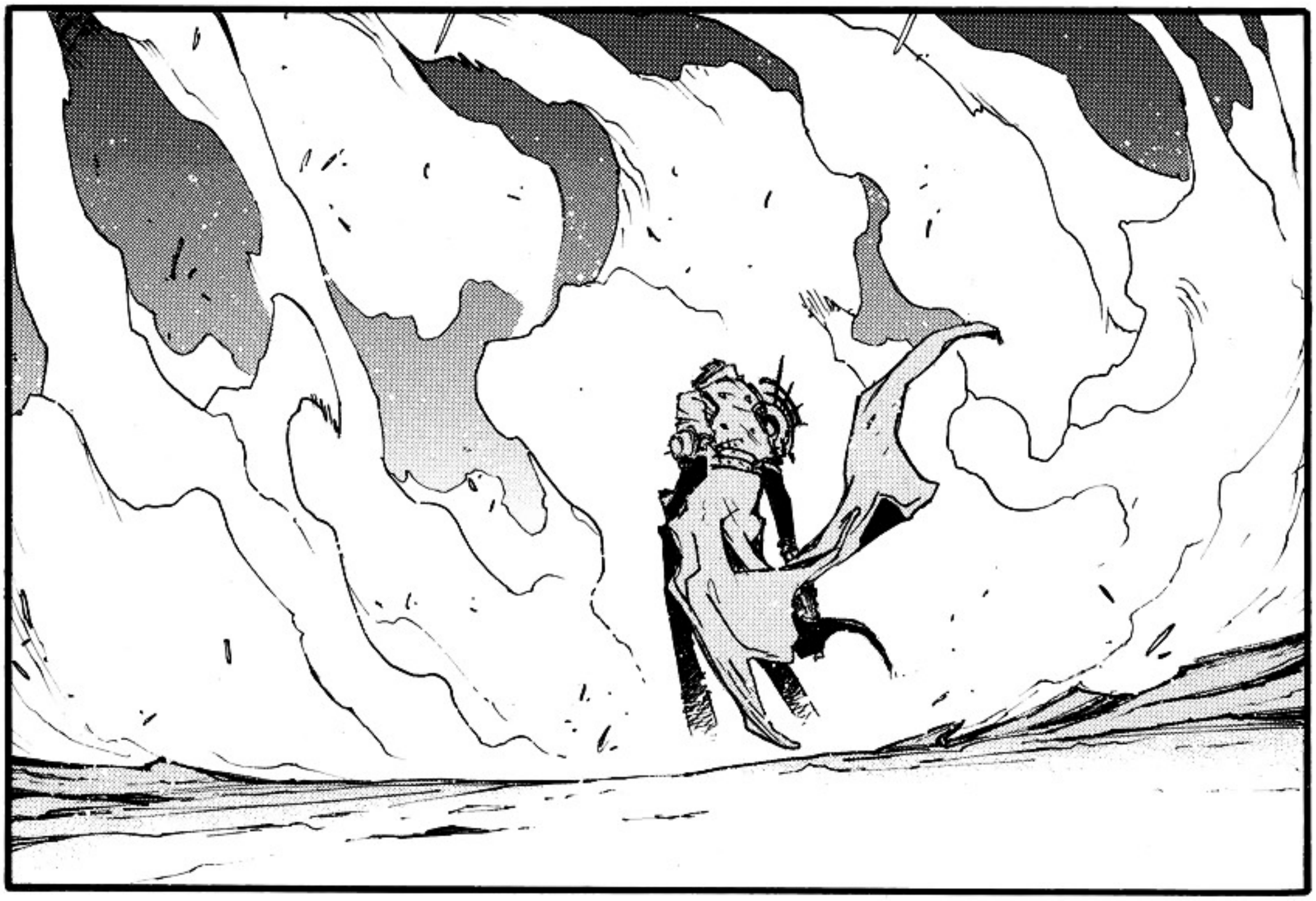
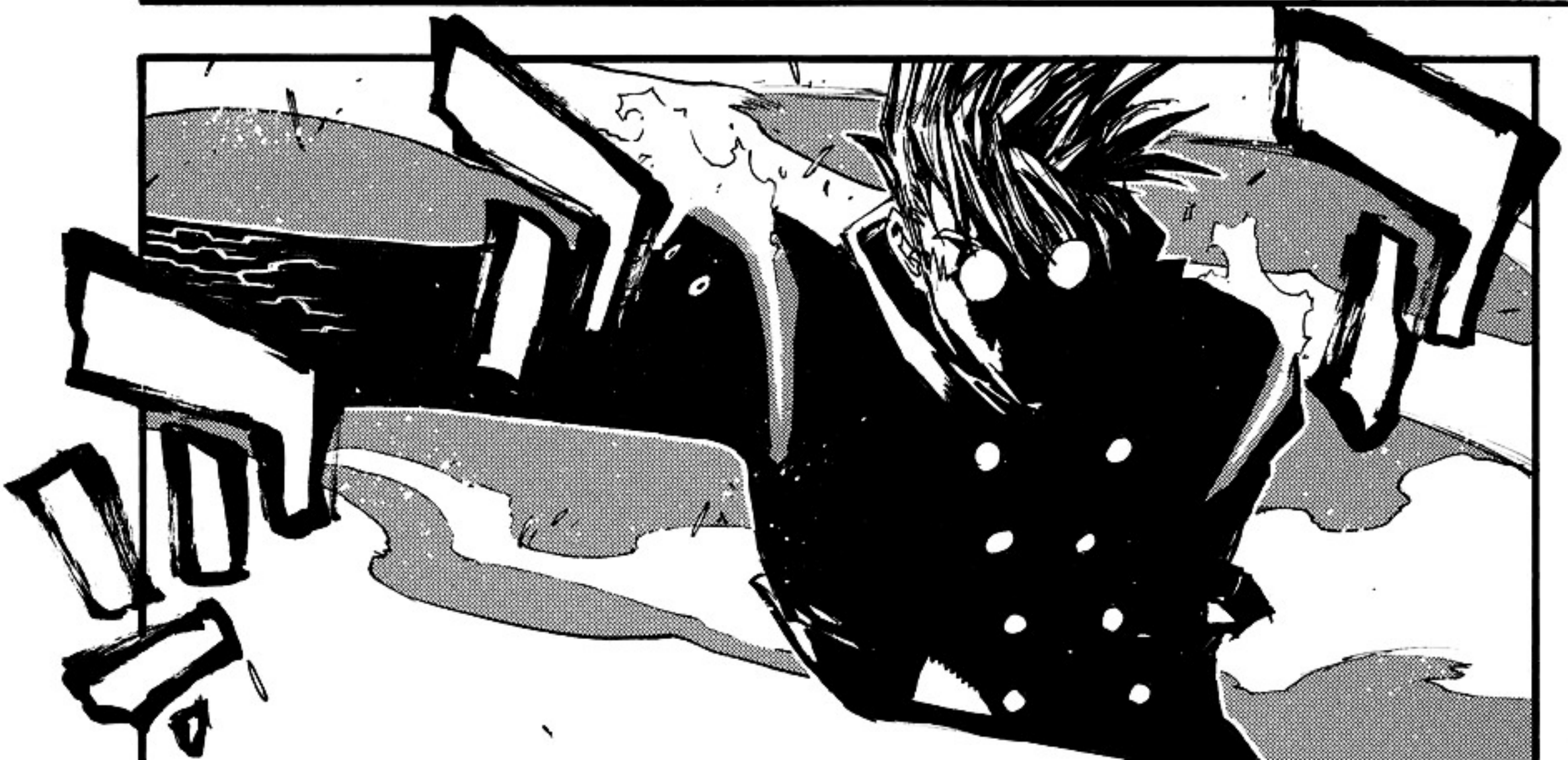
WE CAN'T LOAD THE PROTON SLUGS IN TIME!

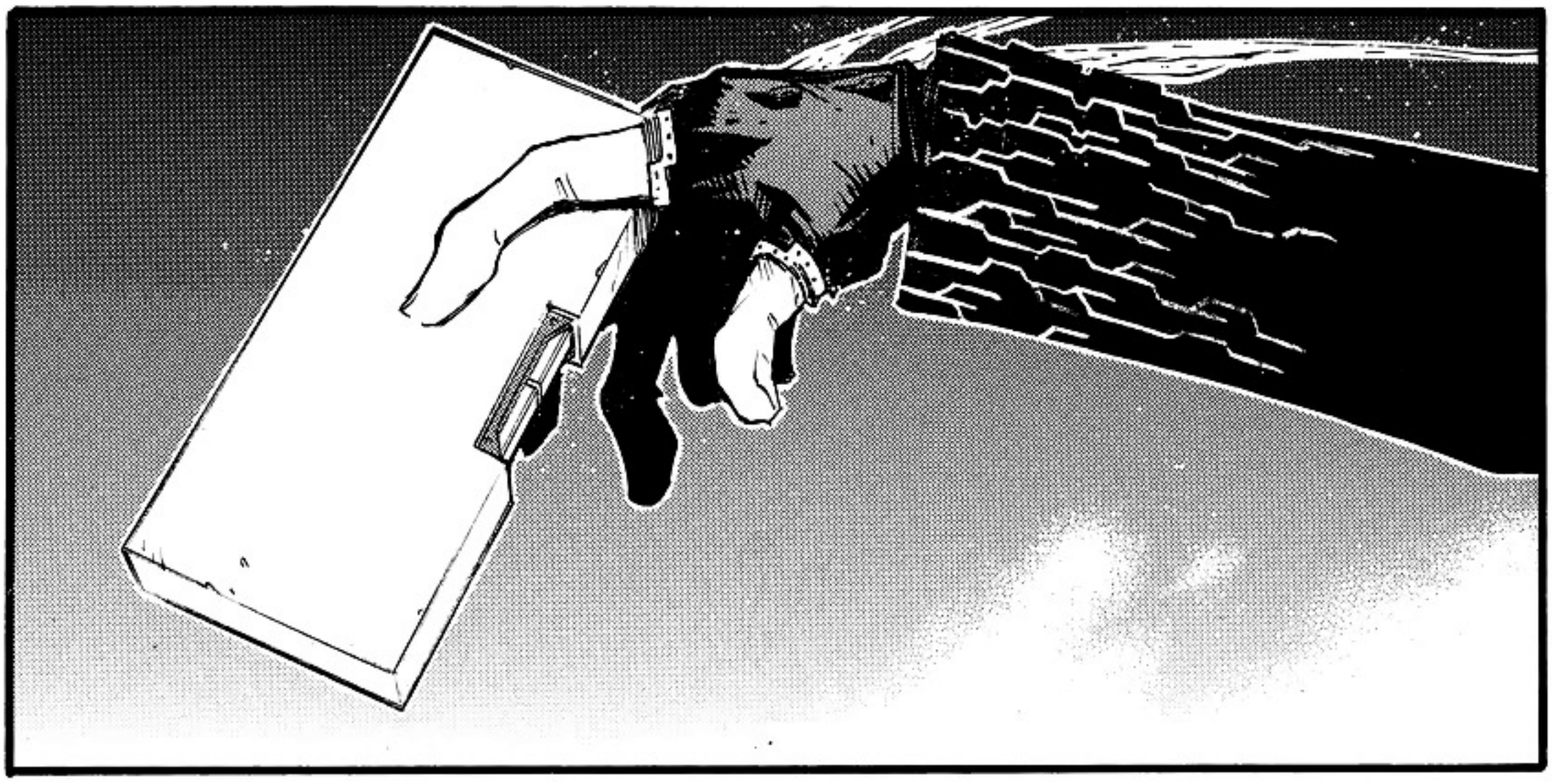
THE POWER'S DRAINED!

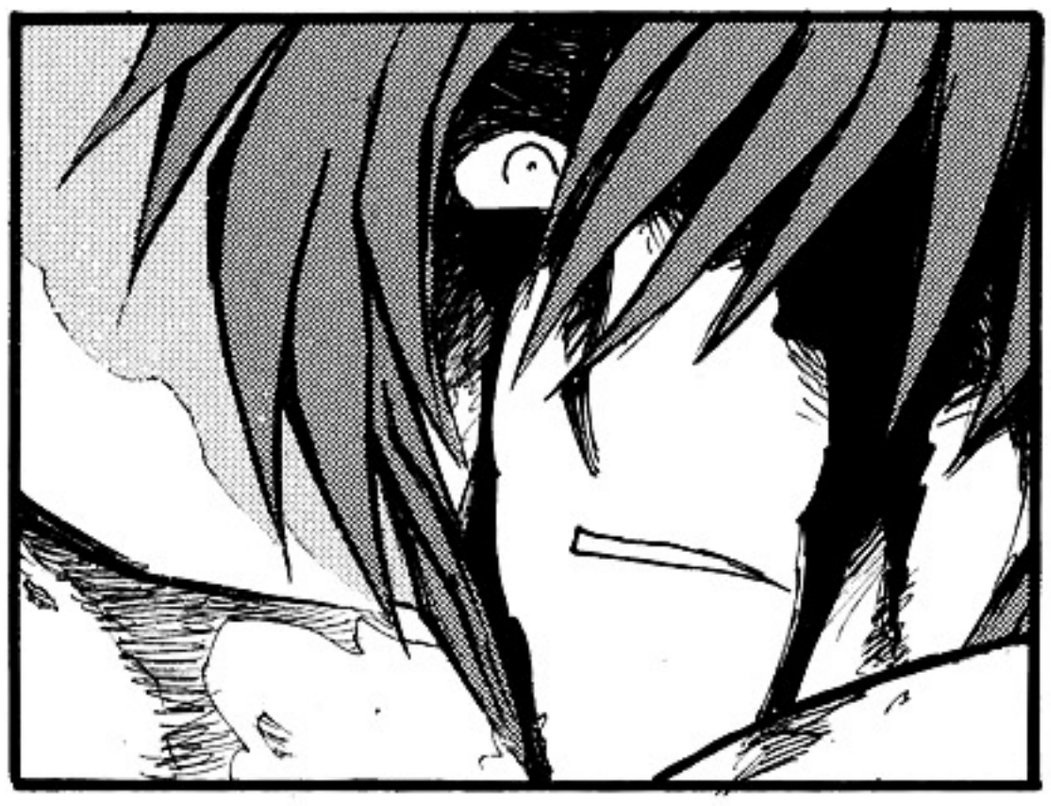
...LOSING ALTITUDE!

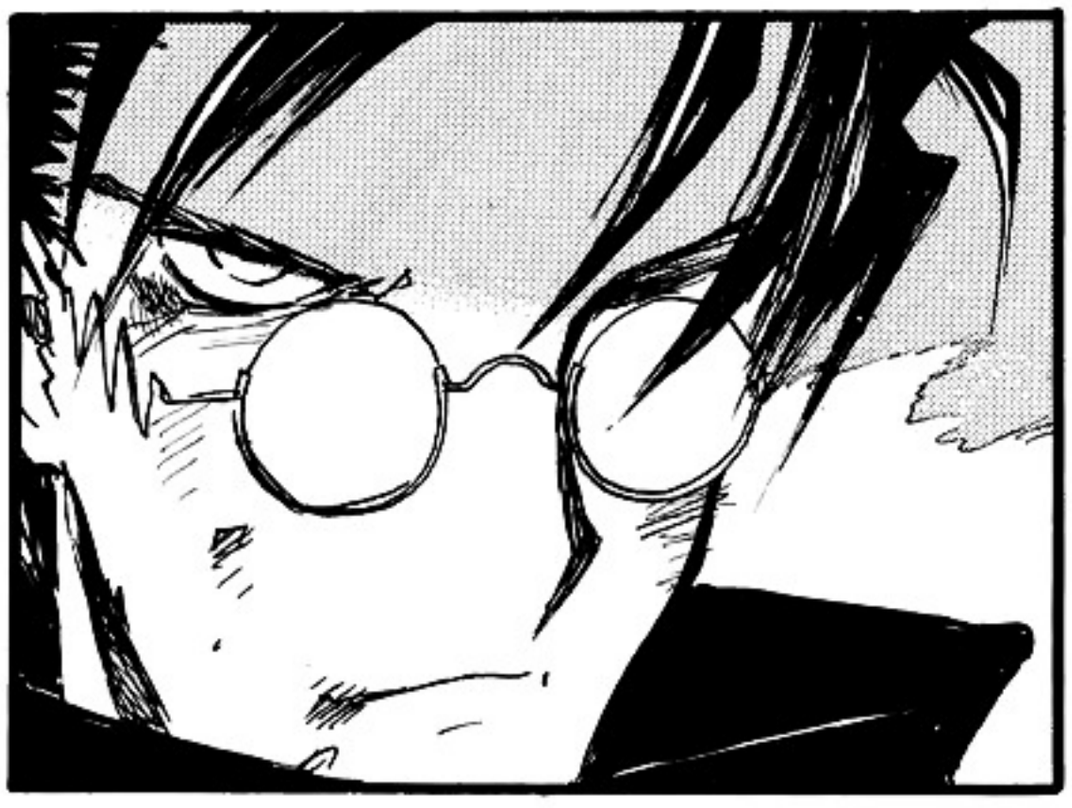
WE'RE...

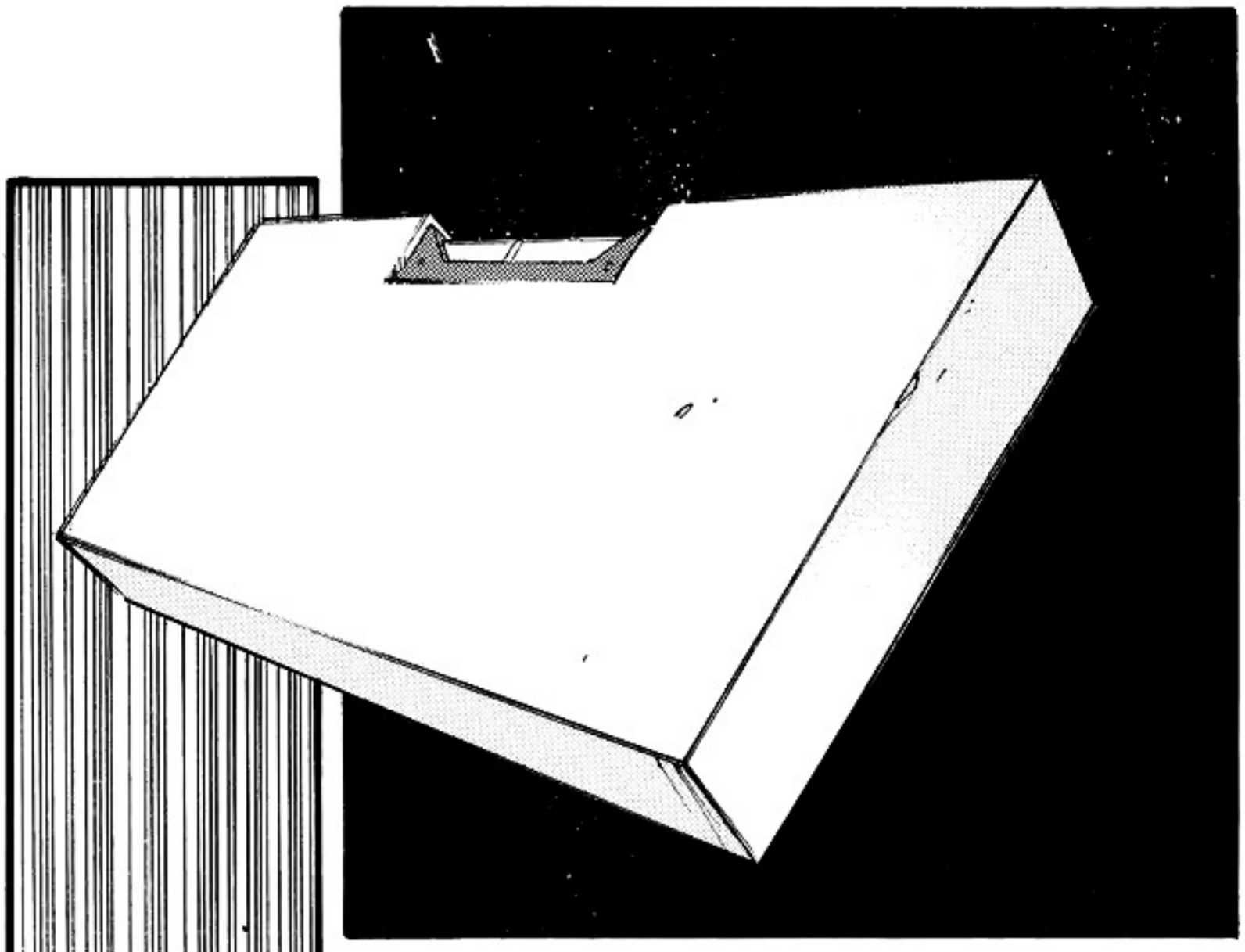


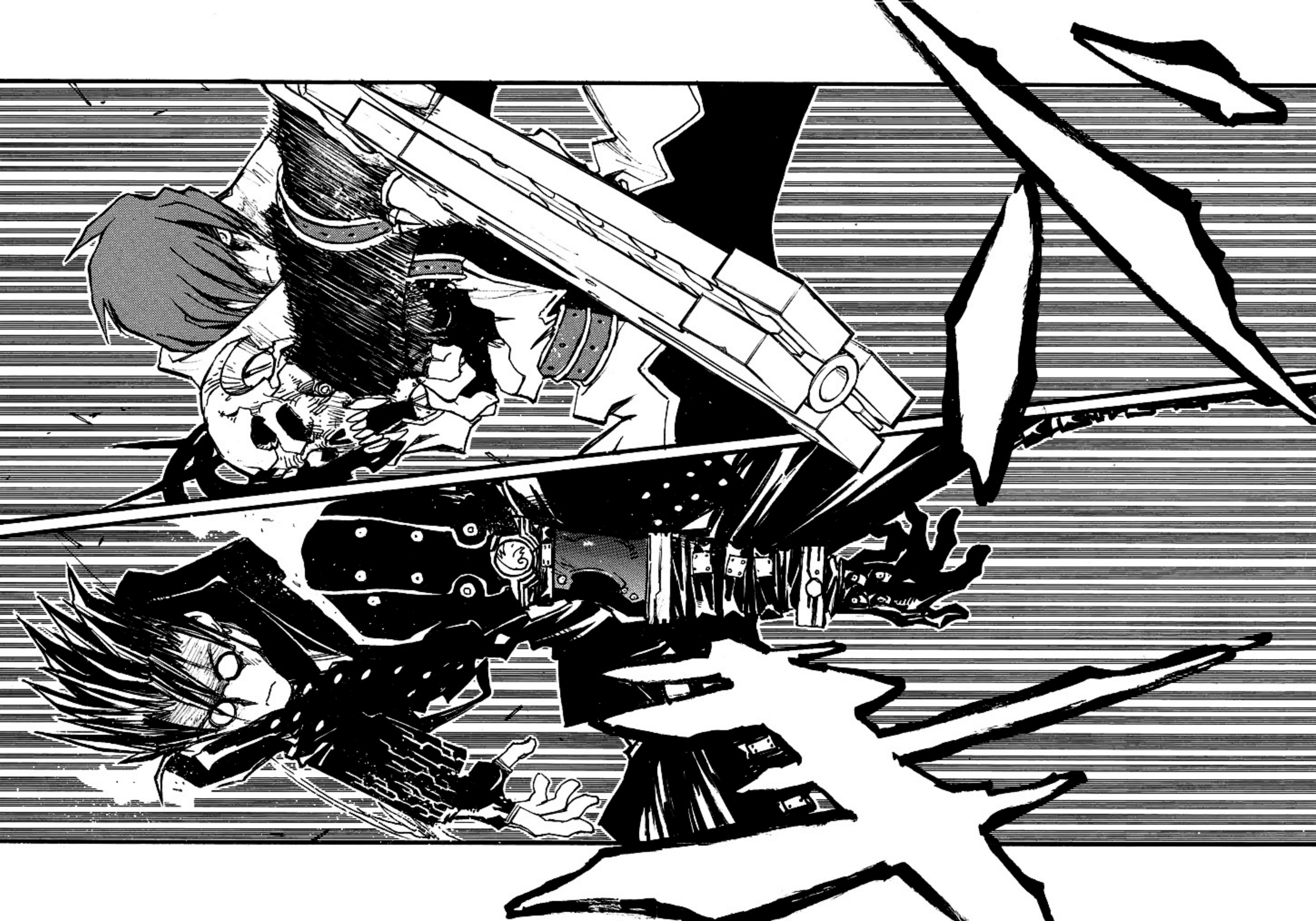


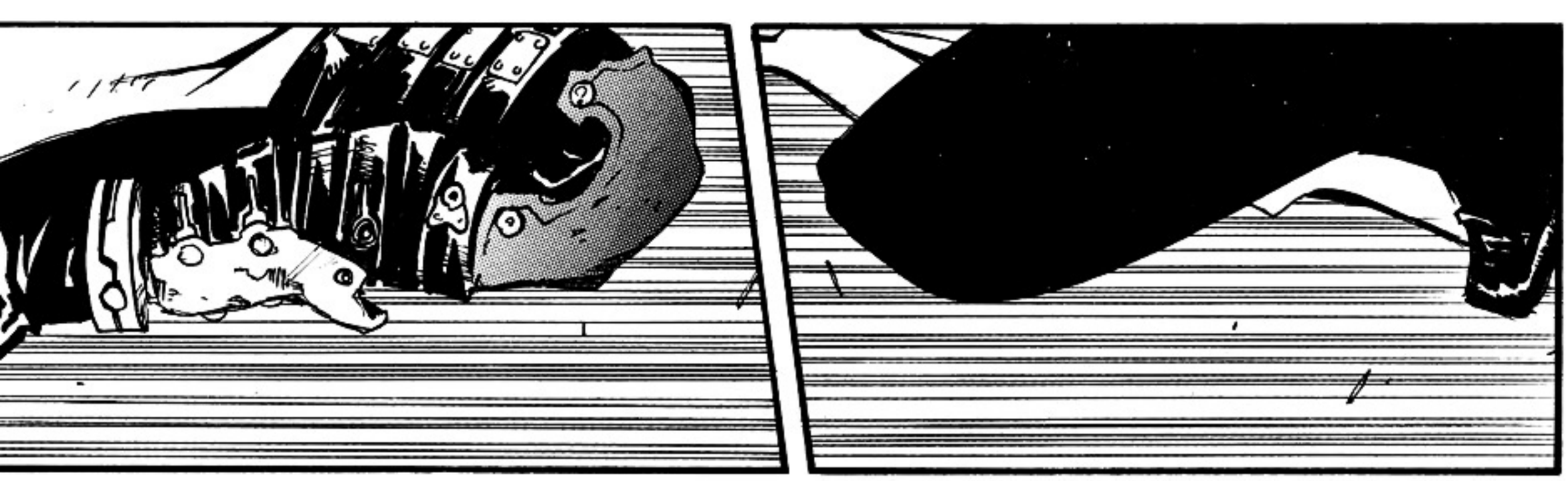


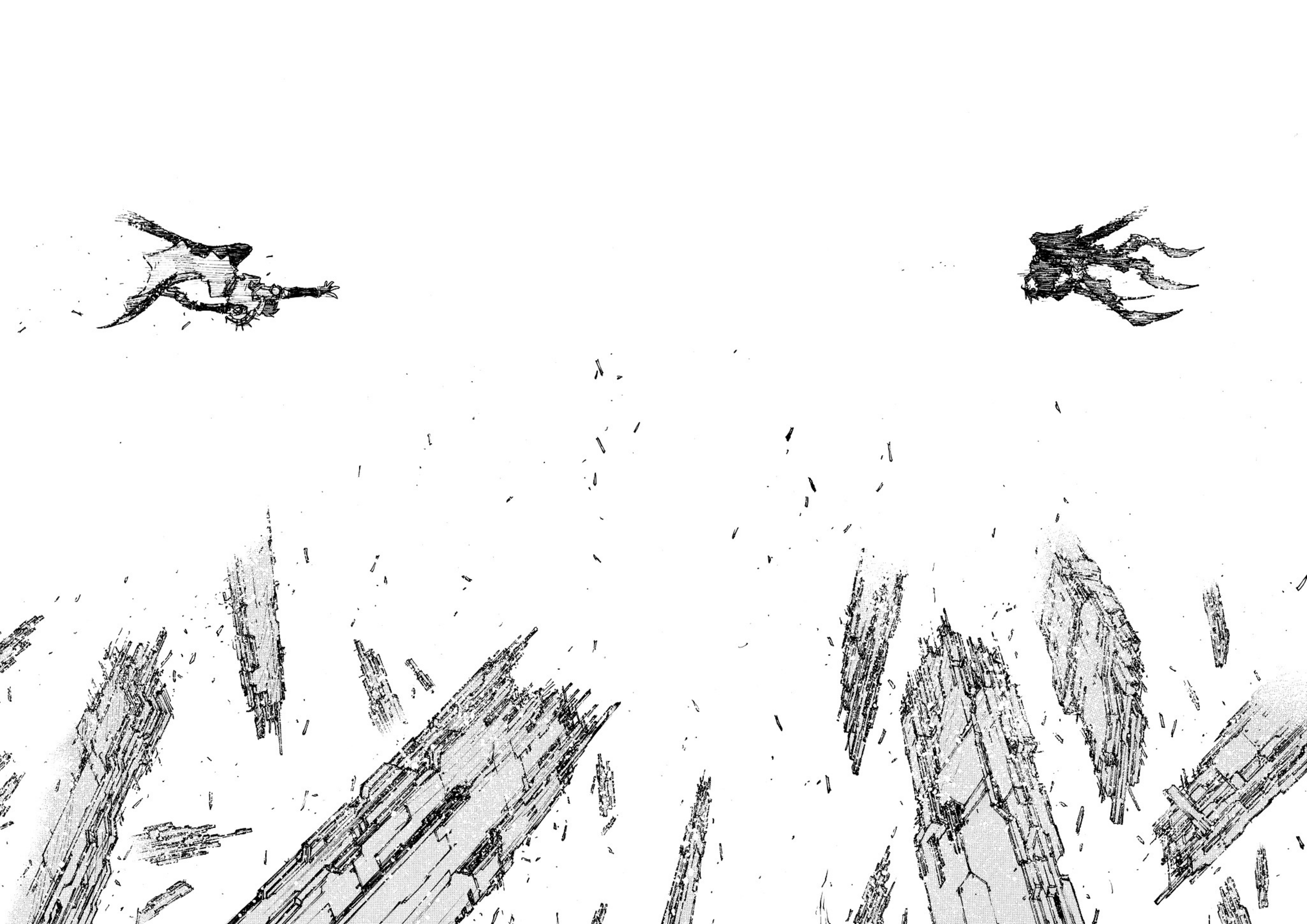


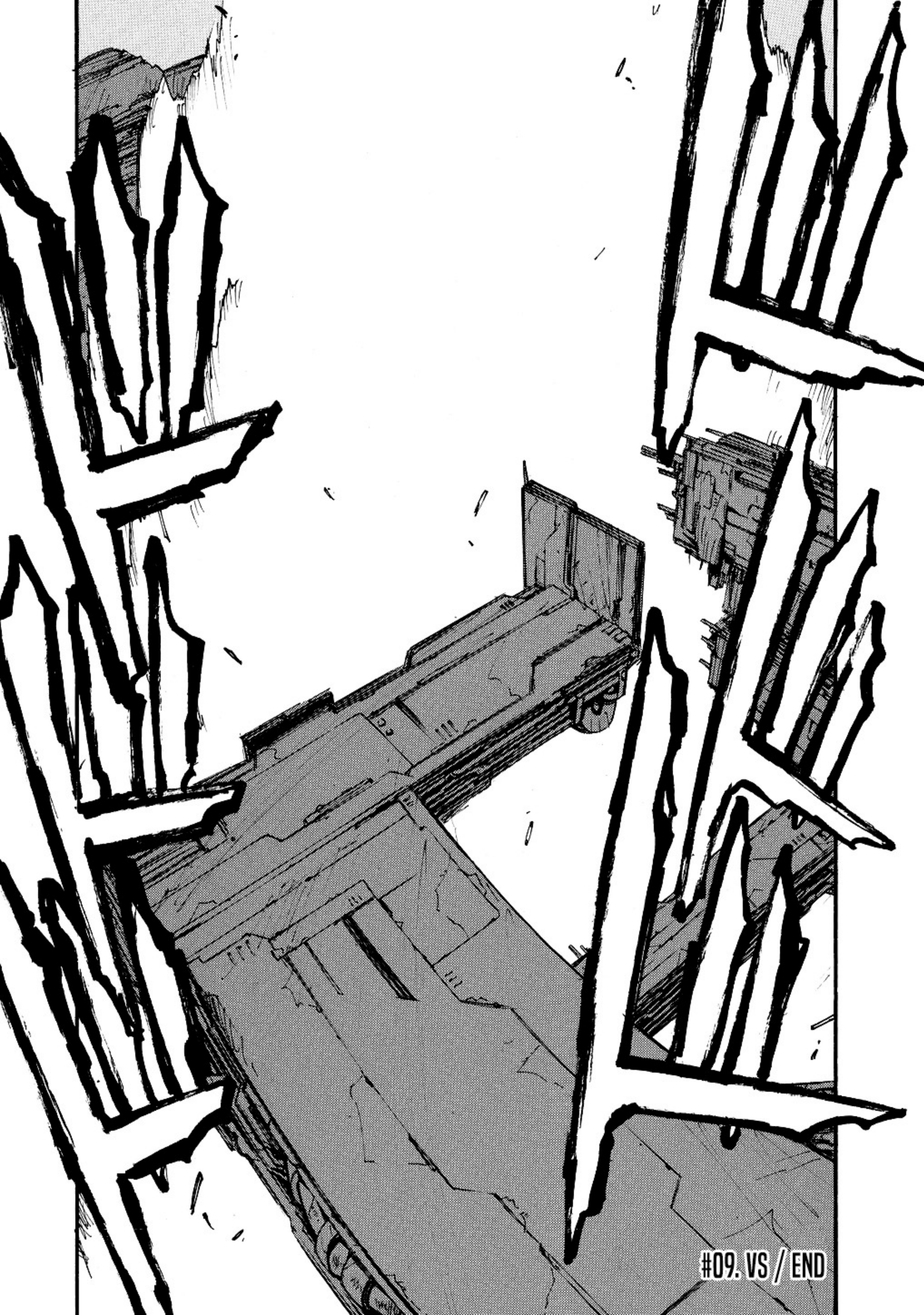








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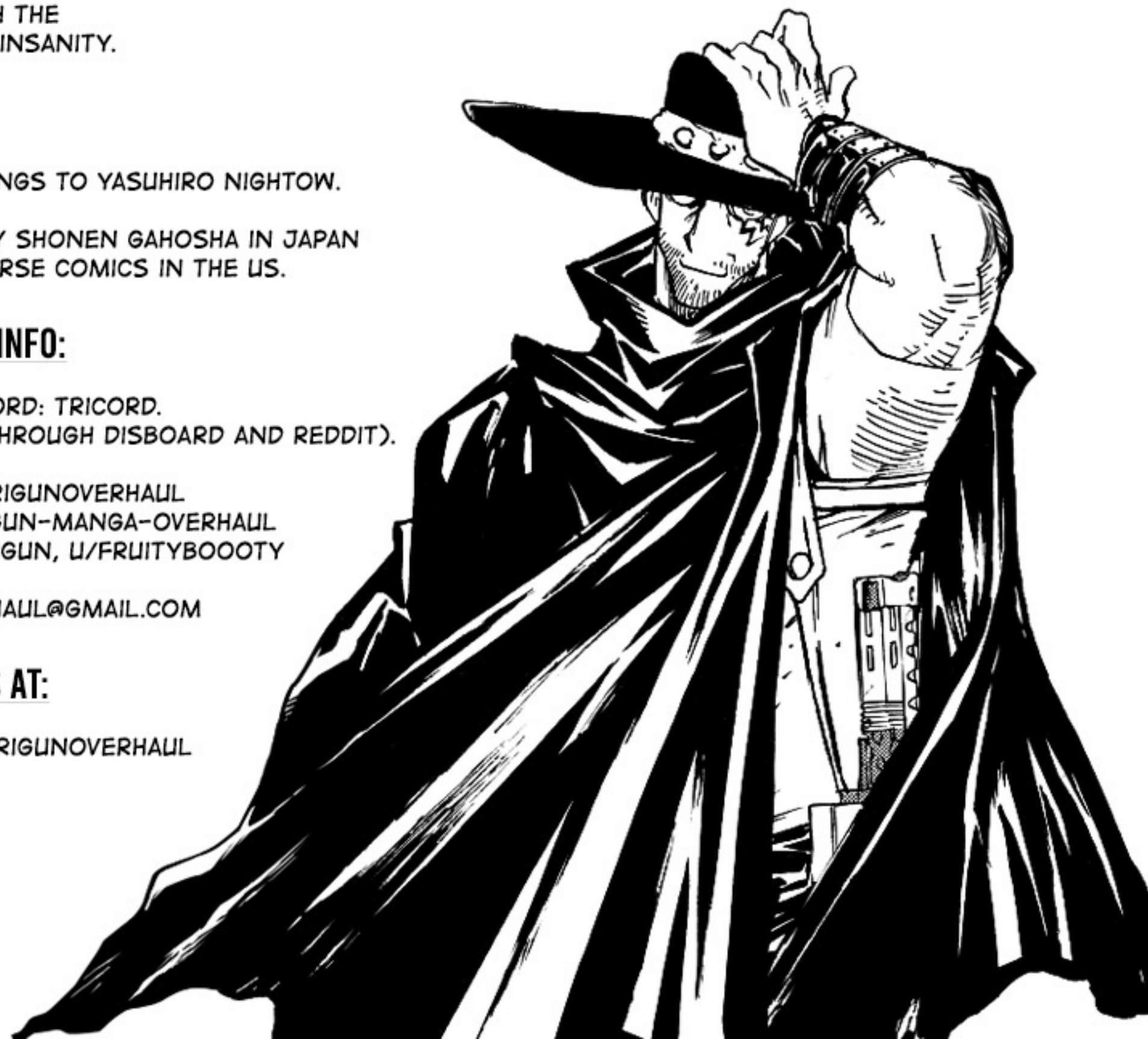

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